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**Hundred Years of Indian Philosophy**

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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 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** The submission of abstracts and full papers has been extended to **20th November 2025**. Submissions received after this date will not be considered for presentation, and accommodation cannot be arranged for late submissions.

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](http://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:

[www.hss.iitb.ac.in/ipc100](http://www.hss.iitb.ac.in/ipc100)

## 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): 20th 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

### Submission Deadline (for all categories): 20th November 2025

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<h1>Distinguished Speakers of Various Programmes of IPC Session</h1>		
<h2>Plenary Sessions</h2>		
<h3>Plenary Talks: Hundred Years of Indian Philosophy: Dialogue, Traditions, and Contemporary Challenges</h3>		
<p><b>Professor Kapil Kapoor</b> Former Prof., Centre for Linguistics and English; Concurrent Professor, Special Centre for Sanskrit Studies, JNU, New Delhi</p>		
<p><b>Professor Arindam Chakrabarti</b> Former Prof., University of Hawaii Manoa, Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University, India</p>		
<p><b>Professor Jonardon Ganeri</b> Bimal K. Matilal Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto</p>		
<p><b>Professor Jay L. Garfield</b> Doris Silbert Professor Emeritus of Humanities &amp; Philosophy, Smith College, USA</p>		
<p><b>Professor Sachidananda Mishra</b> Member Secretary, ICPR, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi</p>		
<p><b>Professor Srinivasa Varakhedi</b> Vice Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi</p>		
<p><b>Panel Discussions: Hundred Years of Philosophy in India: Prospects and Challenges</b></p>		
<p><b>Panellists:</b></p>		
<p><b>Professor Pradeep Gokhale</b> Former Professor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chair Professor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath</p>		
<p><b>Professor A. Raghuramaraju</b> Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati</p>		
<p><b>Professor Nirmalya Chakraborty</b> Vice-Chancellor, Presidency University, Kolkata</p>		
<p><b>Professor Daniel Raveh</b> Professor of Indian and Comparative Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Isreal</p>		
<p><b>Professor Bhagat Oinam</b> Professor, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p>		
<p><b>Professor William Sweet</b> Chair, Department of Philosophy, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Canada</p>		
<h2>शास्त्रार्थ-सभा</h2>		
<h3>Theme: Duḥkhanivāraṇam [Freedom from Suffering]</h3>		
<p><b>Panellists</b></p>		
<p>Nyāya: <b>Vidwan Vachaspati Joshi Shastri</b> Rashtriya Sanksit Vidyapeetham Tirupati</p>		
<p>Purva-Uttara Mimamsa: <b>Professor Mani Dravid Shastri</b> The Madras Sanskrit College, Chennai</p>		
<p>Yoga: <b>Professor K. S. Maheshwaran</b> The Madras Sanskrit College, Chennai</p>		
<p>Sāṃkhya: <b>Professor Vishnu Nambudri</b> Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady</p>		
<p>Moderator: <b>Professor K. Ramasubramanian</b> Professor, IIT Bombay</p>		
<h2>Parallel Sessions</h2>		
<h3>Endowment &amp; Memorial Lectures</h3>		
<p><b>Pratap Seth Vedanta Lecture</b> Professor D. Balaganapathi, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Delhi, New Delhi</p>		
<p><b>Swami Narayan Theistic Vedanta Lecture</b> Dr. J.M. Dave, Director, Swaminarayan Research Institute, New Delhi</p>		
<p><b>Saiva Siddhanta Endowment Lecture</b> Professor J. Thirumal, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu</p>		
<p><b>Buddha Jayanti Endowment Lecture</b> Professor Mangala Chinchore, Former Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra</p>		
<p><b>Professor G.P. Das Lecture on Intercultural and Inter-Religious Understanding</b> Professor Rajkumar Modak, Dept. of Philosophy, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, West Bengal</p>		
<p><b>Acharya Tulsi Endowment Lecture</b> Dr. Samani Rohini Pragya, Dept. of Jainology and Comparative Religion &amp; Philosophy, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute, Rajasthan</p>		
<p><b>Gujarat Vidyapeeth Lecture on Gandhian Philosophy &amp; Peace</b> Dr. Harsha Badkar, Former Professor of Philosophy, Principal, Navneet College, Maharashtra</p>		
<p><b>Vallabha Vedanta Endowment Lecture</b> Dr Jyotsna Srivastava, Professor of Philosophy, MMV, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh</p>		
<p><b>Khwaja M.A. Hay Lecture on Humanism</b> Dr. Tabassum Sheikh, Principal, G.M. Momin Women’s College, University of Mumbai, Maharashtra</p>		
<p><b>Endowment lecture on Holistic Science of Life &amp; Living as revealed by Dada Bhagwan</b> Professor Dyuti Yajnik, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Gujarat University, Gujarat</p>		
<p><b>Sri Swami Gnanananda Sarasvathi Endowment Lecture</b> Professor G. Mishra, Dean, Dept. of Buddhist Studies, Nalanda University, Bihar</p>		
<p><b>Professor T.R.V. Murti Endowment Lecture on Madhyamika Philosophy</b> Professor Madhumita Chatterjee, Dept. of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, Kolkata</p>		
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<p><b>Professor R.C. Pradhan Endowment Lecture</b> Professor Ranjan Kumar Panda, Dept. of HSS, IIT Bombay, Maharashtra</p>		



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

Swami Shastrajananda 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

**Special Parallel Session**

**Roundtable on the philosophy of Gurudev R.D. Ranade:**

"One God, One World, One Humanity: Revisiting Universalist Philosophy in Today's Fragmented World"

**Sectional Sessions**

**Sectional Presentations: Approximately 450 research papers**

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**Climate at Mumbai:** Pleasant & dry winter (20-32°C)

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- From Mumbai Airport (T1/T2): 45-minute drive. Taxis/ app-based cabs/ Auto rickshaw
- From Mumbai Central / CST Railway Stations: Taxi or local train to Kanjurmarg or Vikhroli; 10 min auto-rickshaw ride from either station.
- From Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT): IIT Bombay is a 15-20 minute drive by taxi or auto-rickshaw.

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