



INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS

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Dear Colleague,

Warm Greetings from Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune and the State of Maharashtra. I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 79th Session of the Indian History Congress from 28–30 December 2018 to be held under the aegis of Savitribai Phule Pune University, formerly the University of Pune. We will try our best to make this session a pleasant and memorable one for our guests.

Savitribai Phule Pune University

Savitribai Phule Pune University (named after Savitribai Phule, renowned social reformer and wife of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule), was set up on 10 February 1949 under the Poona University Act. Dr. M.R. Jayakar was appointed the first Vice-Chancellor. Shri B.G. Kher, Chief Minister and Education Minister, Government of Bombay was instrumental in allocating a campus of over 411 acres to the new university. The University continues to occupy this space and has as its Main Building a heritage structure, completed in 1871, which was formerly the monsoon residence of the Governor of the Bombay Presidency. Since then, the University has become a premier centre for research and teaching. Today the University has under its jurisdiction the three districts of Pune, Ahmednagar and Nashik. One of the largest affiliating universities in the country, it has today over 600 colleges affiliated to it. The University was accredited with an A+ grade (3.60 CGPA) by NAAC and is ranked 10th in the NIRF. It has become the first state university to offer post-doctoral fellowships.

Of particular importance to us, is that the Indian History Congress was established in Pune in 1935 under the aegis of the Bharat Itihas Sanshodhak Mandal.

The Department of History

The Department of History was established on 31 March 1969 by the late Professor A.R. Kulkarni. Until then, it had been part of Deccan College. The new University department took up the study of the medieval and modern periods of Indian history, particularly western Indian history, while the study of archaeology and ancient Indian history remained with Deccan College. A very

small department for many years, today it has a sanctioned faculty strength of eight. This year is an important one for us as it is our Golden Jubilee year. We are particularly happy to be able to host the Indian History Congress here this year.

Reaching Pune

Pune is accessible both by air and by train from all parts of India. From the south of India, almost all trains going to Mumbai stop at Pune. There are also trains that connect Pune to Delhi, Kolkata, Gorakhpur etc. A detailed list of trains connecting Pune is available at <https://www.cleartrip.com/trains/stations/PUNE>. The weather in Pune in December will be pleasant. However, while daytime temperatures can be between 28° and 32°, night time temperatures can drop to between 8° and 12°. The temperature can drop as soon as the sun sets. All delegates are therefore advised to carry some warm clothing. Heavy coats are not required.

Reception

Our Reception Desk in the **Sevak Vihar of the University** will be active from the morning of 27th December 2018 to 28th December afternoon. A map of the University campus can be found at http://www.unipune.ac.in/university_files/campus_map.htm; the Sevak Vihar is listed as number 58. Our Help Desk at Pune Railway Station and Pune Airport will be active from 27th morning to 28th afternoon. While we will not be able to provide transport to the University, our volunteers will be there to help arrange for transport. Pune as a city has Ola, Uber and auto rickshaws; the auto rickshaws go by meter.

Registration

Only members of the Indian History Congress can become delegates. The Registration Form is attached to this circular and is available online at <http://www.bit.ly/ihcpune>. Delegate fee of **Rs. 2,000/-** can be paid via the online payment link on the site (credit card, debit card, RTGS, NEFT, Paytm) or by Demand Draft. If any delegate would prefer to make his or her own arrangements for accommodation, and only requires the kit and the food facilities, the payment will be **Rs. 1000/-**. All payments must be in the name of “**Finance and Accounts Officer – SPPU – Indian History Congress**”. If you are paying by Demand Draft, you can fill the online form and insert your Demand Draft details. While not recommended, you may fill in the attached form and speed-post or courier a copy of it with your Demand Draft to “**Radhika Seshan, Local Secretary, Indian History Congress, Department of History, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Bhavan, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune 411007**”. **Please do not forget to mention your name and membership number on the rear of the DD. We will not accept** cheque payments of any kind, including multi-city cheques. We also strongly recommend the online payment option.

The confirmation of the payment of the delegate fee must reach the Local Secretary no later than 28 November 2018.

Delegates are requested not to delay payments of delegate fee beyond the last date set above because accommodation will be arranged on the basis of the delegate fees already received. If any delegate, despite this plea, arrives at the venue without payment of delegate fee in time, he or she will have to find accommodation on his or her own, while paying us Rs. 1000/- for the kit and meals

as mentioned above. Alternatively, the member can pay Rs. 5000/- as delayed delegate fee, in which case we can try to find accommodation, without guaranteeing it.

Accommodation

Pune has reasonably good accommodation facilities, but as December falls within the marriage and tourist seasons here, accommodation is at a premium. We have made arrangements in hostels and hotels, but it will not be possible for us to provide single rooms for any of the delegates. We would recommend that you do not travel with families. However, if informed well in advance, we will help you to find suitable accommodation at your own cost. Delegates and accompanying persons would be required to pay the delegate fee.

Accommodation will be available from noon, 27 December 2018 till 11.00 a.m. on 31 December 2018 only.

We will be providing meals from dinner on 27 December 2018 to breakfast on 31 December 2018. Anything consumed at the accommodation site will be at the delegate's own cost.

Membership

As membership of the Indian History Congress is mandatory for your registration as a delegate, one can, if eligible, enrol as a member of the Indian History Congress by filling up the form <http://www.indianhistorycongress.com>. Details of initial, annual and life membership have already been sent in the first circular. You are requested to invite your colleagues to become members of the Indian History Congress by submitting an Enrolment Application Form (which can be photocopied or downloaded from the Indian History Congress link). Annual members are requested to also furnish details of renewal of membership at the time of payment of delegate fee.

Important Points to note:

1. The delegate fee is Rs. 2,000/- till 28 November 2018. Spot registration will be Rs. 5,000/-.
2. Online options of payment of delegate fee are recommended.
3. The registration form can be found at <http://www.bit.ly/ihcpune>
4. Cheque payments of any kind (incl. multi-city cheques) will not be accepted
5. Accommodation in Pune will be provided from noon on 27 December 2018 to 11.00 a.m. on 31 December 2018.
6. Meals will be served at the venue starting with dinner of 27 December 2018 till breakfast on 31 December 2018.
7. Transport will be provided from the place of accommodation to the venue in the morning and after dinner.

For further information or assistance please feel free to contact the IHC Pune team at the email address ihcpune2018@gmail.com.

Contact:

For enquiries, please contact

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We look forward to welcoming you at Pune.

Yours sincerely,



Radhika Seshan
Local Secretary

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Membership Type: LIFE MEMBER ANNUAL MEMBER

Membership Number: _____

State: _____

Institution being represented: _____

Food preference: Vegetarian Non-Vegetarian

Accommodation required: Yes No

If yes: Arrival date and time _____

[not before 27 December 2018, 12.00 p.m.]

Departure _____

[not after 31 December 2018, 11.00 a.m.]

Date:

Place:

Sign: