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Indian Art History Congress (IAHC)
31st Session to be held at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak
Theme: 'Folk and Tribal Elements in Indian Art'
16th, 17th and 18th February 2024
Venue: Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak (M.P.)
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Dear Members of IAHC,

Greetings from IGNTU, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh !

I would like to bring to your attention that the 31st Session of the Indian Art History Congress will be hosted by Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (M.P) which is scheduled to be held on 16th, 17th and 18th February 2024. The theme for the 31st Session is '**Folk and Tribal Elements in Indian Art**'. I on behalf of the University sincerely look forward to your participation, support and cooperation.

Dr. Kiran Kranth Choudary, Former Principal, Dean Faculty of Arts and Education, Profesor Emeritus, Hon'ble Director, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh will be the **General President** of 31th Session of the Indian Art History Congress.

Prof. Byomakesh Tripathy, Former Vice Chancellor of Utkal University of Culture and presently Professor and head of the Department of History, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh **will deliver the Prof. K.D. Bajpai Memorial Lecture.**

Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Director, C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Institute of Indological Research, Chennai will **deliver the Dr. R.D. Choudhury Memorial Lecture.**

➤ **Call for Papers:**

All the members of IAHC and interested researchers are requested to submit their abstracts of research papers on or before 30th October 2023. The abstracts should be in English or Hindi and within 500 words. For English Times New Roman font, Font size 12 and For Hindi Kruti Deo10 Font size 14 or Kokila Unicode Font Size 16 may be used. ***Abstract should include the title of the paper, name of the author, institution of affiliation, e-mail ID, and keywords.*** A short bio-data of the author(s), not exceeding half a typed page, should also be sent along with the abstract. The final decision on acceptance of abstracts lies with the Editorial Board. The acceptance of the abstracts will be notified by November 30, 2023. The abstracts should be sent to alok.shrotriya@igntu.ac.in the e-mail address of the Local Secretary on or before the **30th October 2023**. The concept-note is also enclosed.

➤ **Awards:**

On behalf of the IAHC, I also take this opportunity to inform you that **Sri Rajeev Kumarji**, who had already instituted the **Dr. Puja Bharati Memorial Award** in memory of his late wife Dr. Puja Bharati to be given to the **best paper presenter during the Annual Conference** of the Indian Art History Congress (IAHC) who is below 35 years of age, has now very generously instituted three more annual awards details of which are as follows:

Bharati Samman: Dr Puja Bharati Memorial Award for Life Time Achievement to a Senior Art Historian/Scholar of the IAHC who is above 60 years of age.

Dr. Puja Bharati Promising Young Scholar Award (below 40 years of age)

Dr. Puja Bharati Budding Young Scholar Award (below 40 years of age)

It is requested to the scholars that Abstracts submitted for consideration in above mentioned last two categories only are to be clearly stated in the covering letter about the category of award.

➤ **Membership (Annual Member)**

Kindly note that it is mandatory to obtain membership of IAHC to present a paper in the conference. The membership may be obtained through the website of IAHC-Indian Art History Congress. The URL of the website is : <https://indianarthistorycongress.org.in>. Annual members are requested to renew their membership. All participants are requested to take/renew their membership of IAHC on or before **November 30, 2023 for which Headquarters in Guwahati may be contacted (historycongress@gmail.com).**

➤ **Registration for 31st Session to be held at IGNTU, Amarkantak :**

The Registration Fee is compulsory for all attending/participating delegates and research scholars. Conference kit will be provided at the time of reception. Participants requiring accommodation must pay the fee prescribed below through NEFT payment on or before **November 30, 2023** and submit the screenshot/details of payment to email i/d: alok.shrotriya@igntu.ac.in:

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District Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh

Registration fee

(Compulsory for all participants including Life and Annual Members of IAHC, Delegates, Research Scholars and Students)

S. No.	Category	Registration Fee
1.	Delegates (without accommodation)	Rs. 2000/-
2.	Delegates (with accommodation)	Rs. 4000/-
3.	Accompanying persons who require accommodation (However, priority will be given to registered participants)	Rs. 4000/-

➤ **Important dates:**

Last date for submission of Abstract	30 th October 2023
Information regarding acceptance of abstracts	30 th November 2023
Last date for Registration for the conference	30 th November 2023

Excursion:

One day trip to the origin place of the Holy River Narmada including places of archaeological and religious interest of **Amarkantak** will be arranged on 20th February 2023. Please note that the expenditure of this sightseeing programme (Rs. 2000/ person) will have to be borne by the participants.

➤ **Points to be taken note of:**

1. Paper presentation at the IAHC Conference is open to members (either Annual Members or Life Members) only. Non-members are requested to become annual members of IAHC to present their papers at the conference.
2. The delegates/guests will be picked up by the hosts from the nearest Railway Station Pendra Road (PND) and will be seen off after the Conference.
3. Only Members/participants who send their registration Fee (as mentioned above) on or before November 30, 2023 will be considered official delegates of the conference and the food and accommodation facility will be restricted to them. Please note that accommodation will be provided on twin sharing basis.
4. Last-minute submission of abstracts and registration fee can be accommodated, in unavoidable circumstances, but in such cases, the participants will have to arrange their own accommodations with no guarantee that abstracts to be included in the printed form.
5. Food and accommodation will be provided to registered delegates/participants from 15th February, 2023, evening (dinner) to the afternoon after the last day of the Conference i.e. 19th February 2023. For those outstation delegates/participants joining the excursion/sightseeing, food and accommodation facilities will be extended up to the afternoon of 20th February 2023. If any delegate wish to continue their stay after the above-mentioned dates, they have to make their own arrangements for food and accommodation.
6. Given the small-town setting and the religious nature of the Amarkantak, we regret to inform you that luxurious hotels are not available in the immediate vicinity. While we have made every effort to secure comfortable lodging for all registered attendees, we want to set clear expectations that the accommodations may not be on par with what you might find in larger urban centres. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and flexibility in this matter, and we are confident that your participation in the conference will be a rewarding and enriching experience.
7. During the conference period, local transportation facilities for outstation participants to reach the conference venue, i.e. IGNTU from the place of accommodation will be arranged.
8. Kindly arrange to and fro journey tickets at your end. No TA/DA will be paid by the host institution.
9. Climate in Mid February will be pleasant requiring light woollen cloths.

➤ **About the University:**

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak was established by an Act of the Parliament of India in 2007. The University started functioning from July 2008. The jurisdiction of the University extends to the whole country and it is fully funded by the Central Government through the University Grants Commission. The first Regional Campus of IGNTU has been established at Imphal, Manipur in 2009.

➤ **About Amarkantak**

Amarkantak, a famous Hindu Pilgrim town, located in the district of Anuppur of State of Madhya Pradesh in India at 22.67°N 81.75°E and is also a part of the Achanakmar Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve, known for rarest endangered herbal plants like Gulbakawali, Brahmi, Patal Kumhda, Vidari Kand, Akarkara, Brahma, Shivlingi, Anantmool, etc., and faunal species including tiger and leopard. This pilgrim town with approximately 10,000 inhabitants along with tribal villages with tribes prominently Gond, Baiga, Panika, Kol and Agaria in adjoining forest areas, is located in the meeting point between the Vindhya and the Satpura Ranges, with the Mokal Hills being the fulcrum. It is about 70 Kms away from the district headquarters. Three important rivers i.e. the Narmada, the Son and the Johila originate from here forming the lifeline of a major part of the country. The place has its religious importance too. The Kalachuri rulers constructed a cluster of temples that are still intact, of which, Mahendranath and Pataleshwar temples are more important. These temples are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India. The Narmada temple was built around the springhead of the river. The temple was built by the Bhonsles of Nagpur. Maharaja Gulab Singh belonging to the Baghela Dynasty of Rewa constructed the outer boundary wall of the temple complex. The geographical set-up of Amarkantak has bestowed upon it everlasting greenery and serene beauty. This holy place is the abode of Goddess Narmada. This mystic power attracted Adi Shankaracharya and Sant Kabir and spelt bound many spiritual and peace seekers with its solitude and sacredness. There is a perfect match between the significance of Amarkantak, situated at an average elevation of 1048 metres (3438 ft) and the vision, mission and objectives of this National Tribal University.

➤ **How to reach the University:**

The University Campus is located at a 26 km. distance from Pendra Road Railway Station (PND). There are bus services available at regular intervals and taxi services are available round

the clock. The main town of Amarkantak is located at 22 km from the campus. The bus service from Amarkantak to Anuppur and Shahdol would pass via Pondki bus stop, which is at 3 km distance from the campus. Amarkantak is situated 48 kms in the West of Pendra Road Railway Station (Chhattisgarh) on Katni-Bilaspur track of South West Central Railway. Almost all the trains plying on this track stop at Pendra Road (PND). It can be reached by bus from all directions as there is good frequency of buses on Jabalpur, Raipur, Bilaspur, Allahabad, Rewa, Shahdol, Dindori and Anuppur routes. Amarkantak can be approached by air through Jabalpur (M.P.) in the West and Raipur (Chhattisgarh) in the East.

Nearest Airport:

1. Jabalpur - Distance 230 Km from Amarkantak.
2. Raipur – Distance 250 Km from Amarkantak.

Nearest Railway Station:

1. Pendra Road (PND) - Distance 48 km from Amarkantak and 26 km from the University

Once again, I extend my warmest welcome and look forward to your presence at this special event.

With best regards,



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