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FIRST CIRCULAR

Dated: 24th March, 2024

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to extend my sincere thank on behalf of ISBS to you for your active support and valuable cooperation to make the 23rd Annual Conference a success held at the Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, during October 27-29, 2023.

I feel pleasure to inform you that the **Indian Society for Buddhist Studies** is holding its 24th Annual Conference at the **Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University (KKSU), Ramtek, Nagpur, (Maharashtra) during September 14-16, 2024.**

Prof. Murli Manohar Pathak, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit University, Delhi has kindly consented to be the General President of this conference and to deliver the keynote address.

The following broad areas/fields are being proposed (but are not limited to) for deliberation during the Academic Sessions of the Conference:

1. Pali Language and Literature
2. Buddhist Sanskrit Language and Literature
3. Buddhism in Apabhramśa Literature
4. Central & East Asian Languages and Literatures (including Chinese, Tibetan, Japanese, Thai, Sogdian, Kuchean etc.)
5. History of Buddhism in India & Abroad (including Art, Culture, Architecture, Archaeology and Iconography etc.)
6. Buddhist Philosophy
7. Contemporary and Applied/Engaged Buddhism
8. Buddhism in the Comparative Light
9. Buddhist Heritage and Tourism
10. Buddhism in Maharashtra
11. Buddhism and Mental/Neuro Science

Please feel free to write on a topic of your choice concerning the areas cited above. **Use of references from Pali / Prakrit / Sanskrit / Marathi etc. will be more appreciated.**

As a matter of our policy, we emphasize on highlighting Buddhism in the region/place of our conference. So, there will be a special session on **Buddhism in Maharashtra through Ages.**

However, other areas of Buddhist Studies hitherto uncovered can also be explored for deliberation. I earnestly hope that other colleagues, who become members of the ISBS, would be able to attend the session and contribute meaningfully through their research papers.

ENROLLMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Only members can of course, become delegates at the session. Please fill up the enclosed *Membership Form* and remit membership fee by *Bank Draft (any bank)* in favour of the **Indian Society for Buddhist Studies, payable at Jammu.** It may also be remitted by cheque payable at par, or electronic transfer. Please keep the Counterfoil safe with you for verification/confirmation, if asked for.

Fee Structure:

The Fee structure is as follows:

For Indian Citizens:

- i. Annual: Rs.500/-
- ii. Life: Rs.2000/-*
- iii. Donor: Rs.3100/-or more (inclusive of Life Membership)
- iv. Institutional (Annual): Rs.2000/-

If the Annual membership is renewed after the due date, an additional amount of Rs.500/- will be levied as **Late Fee till August 31, 2024.**

***Direct Life Membership has been withheld for the time being.**

An annual member, who attends three Annual Conferences consecutively and contributes to the Conference meaningfully through their research paper, can apply for the Life Membership next year. Their application will be placed before the Office Bearers, and if approved, Life Membership may be granted to the applicant.

For Foreign Citizens:##

(A) SAARC countries

(B) Other countries

AnnualUS\$50

US\$100

##Members from countries other than India will have right to cast their votes, but they will not be eligible to contest for Executive Committee or for any of the post of Office Bearers. However, their suggestions will be welcomed.

Please remit your membership fee by electronic transfer/DD/cheque payable at par only latest by July 31, 2024. Membership will not be granted after that for the ensuing session. Any member, whose remittance is received after the last due dates (i.e., July 31, 2024), may not be able to vote at the session, even if otherwise eligible. He/she can, however, still be a delegate and participate in the academic proceedings of the session. **Please send your correct address, Phone No., Email address etc., if there is any change in your address.**

DELEGATES TO THE SESSION

Due to cost constraints and limited number of hotels/guest houses, we may not be able to accommodate guests accompanying the members. So please avoid bringing your family members. They may be allowed, however, in exceptional cases and the members will have to pay the same amount per person what they are supposed to pay for themselves. Every Delegate is required to remit the **Delegate Registration Fee @ Rs.2000/- (US \$250/- for a foreign delegate) till July 31, 2024. Please mention the transaction details of remitting the fees.** Those who fail to remit the Membership Fee and the Delegate Registration Fee by the said date, will not be allowed to attend the Conference.

Kindly remit the Delegate Registration Fee by online transaction/A/C Payee *DD payable at Jammu/cheque payable at par in favour of the Indian Society for Buddhist Studies, and addressed to Prof. Saswati Mutsuddy, Secretary.* **Delegate Registration Fee must reach the Secretary latest by July 31, 2024.**

You are requested to encourage and invite your colleagues to become members of the ISBS and pass on the enclosed Membership Form (or its Xeroxed Copy) to them. All its requirements (including providing of photographs and documentary evidence of degree etc.) may please be complied with. Please remember to send the form along with requisite enclosures to the secretary as per the following address:

Prof. Saswati Mutsuddy, Block-1, Flat-B, 5th floor, Sarada Housing Complex, 6, N.G. Basak Road, Kolkata-700080.

TICKET RESERVATION

The ISBS takes no responsibility for managing ticket for any member/delegate. Please ensure your to and fro reservation well in advance. Please refer to the train/flight time table for reaching Ramtek. The nearest airport/major railway station to KKSU is Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport and Nagpur as well as Ramtek Railway stations respectively. For confirmation of the same, please refer to Railway time table/ website of Flights.

PAPER FOR THE SESSION

Members are requested to prepare research papers in English/Hindi/Pali/Prakrit/Sanskrit/Apabhramṣa with Roman/Devanagari script in the light of the said thrust areas and submit the same as per the following deadlines:

Important dates:

Summary/Abstract of the proposed research paper: latest by **May 31, 2024** (Please do not send any money as membership fee with your Abstract). Kindly submit your abstract at mailto:isbs@gmail.com.

Full Paper: latest by July 31, 2024.

If it is deemed that the Abstract is going to contribute meaningfully and is acceptable, the contributor will be intimated and confirmed by email/telephonically. Please be in touch with the undersigned. **Only in case of acceptance of the Abstract, Membership and other fees can be remitted by July 31, 2024. Only such members shall be extended Formal Invitation Letter to attend the Conference.**

While writing the paper, the following points must be taken into consideration:

- The paper must be research oriented and an original contribution to the knowledge of Buddhist Studies bearing notes, references etc. at the end only.
- Please ensure that your paper is computer typed in 1.5 space and does not exceed 10 to 12 pages.
- Please use the font **Times New Roman** for papers in English and **Kruti Dev** for papers in Devanagari Script. **Hand written paper will not be accepted.**
- Please use End notes instead of Footnotes. Please follow the following format for references/endnotes:

Name of the author, Title of the text, volume, Place and Publication, Year, Page Number.

- Minimum word limit for paper should not be less than 3000 words.
- Use diacritical marks for terms in Pali, Sanskrit, Prakrit, Apabhramṣa etc.
- If possible, kindly send your paper with its electronic format. It will indeed help us in making correction, improvement and editing.
- Papers received after the last date may not be included in the printed list of the session.

- An Abstract of not more than 500 words should invariably be provided to the Secretary by May 31, 2024. The Abstracts of papers are going to be published and will be made available to the Delegates at the time of the Conference. So Abstracts of those delegates who fail to send the same by the given date will not be included in the volume.

HONOUR TO THE SENIOR SCHOLARS

1. ISBS has been honouring senior scholars since 2006 with the **Mañjuśrī Sammāna** for their outstanding contributions towards the promotion of Buddhist Studies and this year, the Honouree will be: **Professor Ratna Basu**, former Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta, along with an amount of Rs. 11000/-. In addition, the honouree will also be honoured with the **Kamladevi Jain Smriti Sammāna offered by M/s New Bharatiya Book Corporation**, carrying an amount of Rs.5100/-.

2. ISBS takes pleasure in announcing a new award since its 20th annual session i.e. **Prof. Sagarmal Jain Vidya Bhushan Sammāna** which will be conferred to some senior scholar who has attained the age of 60 years and has contributed to the field of Buddhism, Jainism and/or Indian Philosophy considerably through his academic writings. The award will carry an amount of Rs. 11000/-and a citation. No direct application/request for this award will be entertained. Every year both President and Secretary will suggest at least three names to the Executive Council of ISBS for this award and the Executive Council after scrutinizing the academic contribution of the scholar will take a decision. This new **Sammāna** has been announced by the family members of Dr. Sagarmal Jain, a luminary personality in the field of Prachya Vidya in India.

This year, ISBS elated to honour **Prof. Udai Chandra Jain (Udaipur)**, an eminent scholar of Prakrit and Jainism for his outstanding contribution to Indology in general and Buddhism-Jainism in particular.

Five awards have been constituted (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sponsored) for young scholars on presentation of the best research papers as per the following specifications:

S. No.	Name of the Award	Area of Specialization	Eligibility and Prize Money
1.	Ācārya Buddhaghoṣa Award	Paper should be purely on the linguistic, grammatical or literary aspect of Pali.	Rs. 2100/- in cash with a Certificate of Appreciation and the upper age limit of the contestants have to be 40 years on May 31, 2024.
2.	Ācārya Nāgārjuna Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Sanskrit or Mahāyāna Buddhism.	do
3.	Mahākavi Svayambhū Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhism in Apabhraṃśa Literature.	do
4.	Mahapaṇḍita Rahul Sankrityayan Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Philosophy.	do
5.	Satyaamritam Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Art/Architecture/Iconography/Numismatics.	Rs. 2500/- in cash with a Certificate of Appreciation. (No age or gender bar).

Interested scholars must send their papers, so that the same reach the office of the Secretary on or before July 31, 2024 for consideration of the Expert Committee.

One person will be nominated in one category only. A scholar who has been recipient of an award in a year will not be eligible to contest for the coming 3 years in any of the categories from the session; he/she has been recipient of any award. The documentary proof of age will be mandatory for such scholars. In case of any doubt, query or suggestion, please feel free to contact the undersigned post or on phone no. +91-9433607690 (cell) or through email: mailto:isbs@gmail.com.

Please Note the Important Information

Last Date for Abstract Submission	Last Date for Full Paper Submission	Fee Payable for New/Existing Annual Member	Fee Payable for a member eligible to take fresh Life Membership	Fee Payable for Existing Life Member	Fee Payable for renewing Life Membership
May 31, 2024	July 31, 2024	Rs. 500/- (Membership)+ Rs. 2000/- (Delegate)= Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 2000/- (Membership) + Rs. 2000/- (Delegate)= Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 2000/- (Delegate Registration only)	Rs. 2000/- (Membership) + Rs. 2000/- (Delegate)= Rs. 4000/-

Fee shall not be accepted after due date.

Online payment can also be made in the following account details. While transferring online payment, kindly note that partial payments will not be acceptable/valid and such transaction/payment once made will not be refunded. After the last date, the online payment will not be accepted in any case. If someone makes any incomplete payment or after the last date, in that case it will be treated as invalid payment and in no case it will be refunded. It will be compulsory to send the receipt of the payment both hard and soft copies within 15 days from the date of payment as a documentary proof.

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LOCAL SECRETARY:

Prof Prasad Gokhale, Professor & Director, Department of Vedang Jyotish, Board of Planning and Development, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Nagpur will be the Local Secretary. You can contact the Local Secretary for any local assistance. His contact number and email id are: Mobile: + 919665300979, Email: pgokhale80@gmail.com

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE:

Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University,
Ramtek Campus
Mauda Road, Ramtek,
District: Nagpur Maharashtra - India, Pin: 441106

A BRIEF ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE:

Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University (KKSU) was established on September 18, 1997 as a tribute to the legendary Sanskrit Mahakavi Kalidasa. KKSU is an institution dedicated to the advanced learning of Sanskrit and Indian culture located at Ramtek, which falls under Nagpur District, the second capital of Maharashtra. KKSU is the first Sanskrit university in Maharashtra.

How to reach Ramtek:

Ramtek is well connected by Air, Railway and road with other cities and states of India. From Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur to Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, the distance is 72 Km (approx); from Nagpur Jn. Railway Station the University is at the distance of 46 Km by road; There are few trains upto Ramtek Railway Station as well and the venue is 1.5 Km away from there. Cars/taxis and buses from the airport and the Railway Stations are easily available.

Climate:

September is a good time to visit Ramtek. The weather is usually very warm, muggy, with temperatures ranging from 72—86°F (22—30°C).

Places of attractions in and around Ramtek:

While tourists from all over the world pass through Nagpur, few make their way to Ramtek, which is located roughly 46 Km. northeast of the Maharashtra City of Oranges. However, for the major duration of the year, this little hamlet in the Vidarbha region—surrounded by lakes, woods, and low hill ranges—can provide for a relaxing escape.

Legend conveys that the days of exile, Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshmana stayed here for some time getting mesmerized by the area's natural beauty. Here, in the local tongue, Ram vowed (tek) to destroy all the demons that had previously attacked holy men and their homes. Thus, was named Ramtek. Ramtek fort was built by Bhonsale rulers after the disintegration of great Maratha empire.

In and around Ramtek, there are numerous additional temples, such as the Jain Shantinath Temple and the collection of historic temples dotted around the Ambala Lake.

Additionally, one can visit the Kalidasa Memorial, constructed in honour of the renowned Sanskrit poet Kalidasa (4th–5th centuries).

Please feel free in case of any query or question regarding the conference.

Looking forward to welcome you at **Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University (KKSU), Ramtek** at our 24th Annual Conference.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,



(Saswati Mutsuddy)
General Secretary,
ISBS