



2nd Circular

XLVII Annual Congress of the
Epigraphical Society of India
&
XLI Annual Congress of the
Place Names Society of India

04th -06th November 2022

Organised by

**Dept. of Ancient Indian History,
Culture and Archaeology**

**Banaras Hindu University
Varanasi- 221005**



Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi, we are happy to inform you that our department is going to organize the XLVII Annual Congress of the Epigraphical Society of India jointly with the XLI Annual Congress of the Place Names Society of India from 04th to 06th November 2022. We are happy to extend our invitation to you for attending the congress at BHU, Varanasi (U.P.). We hope you have already received the first circular sent by the secretaries of both the societies. Only those participants who have sent the Registration Fee, Registration Form, and Abstract in time will find a place in the conference programme.

This conference is meant for the Life/Annual Members of both the societies. The non-members wishing to participate in the conference are requested to enroll themselves as a member and send the desired membership fee to the authorities of either of the societies. The membership fee can be paid at the conference venue also.

The delegates are requested not to come with their family or guests who are not a member of ESI because of the shortage of accommodation. The delegates must inform the Convener confirming their participation and the date and time of their arrival and departure. This would help us to make the necessary arrangements.

The weather in Varanasi during the first week of November is very pleasant and moderately cool. Participants are advised to bring light woolen clothes. The accommodation will be arranged in BHU guest houses only. Those requiring Hotel accommodation are requested to make their own arrangements. However, they can contact organizers for advice for the same, if needed. The Airport is about 22 Km from the University Campus. Varanasi Railway and Bus Stations are located within 8 km from the University campus. You can reach the destination by taxi or rickshaw.

We once again request the members to extend their full co-operation to the organizers and abide by the conditions outlined above to ensure the smooth and dignified functioning of the conference. You may contact us if any assistance is needed in this regard.

The Conference Includes:

1. The **Academic Session** includes theme on the topics such as 1) Historiography of epigraphic studies in India, 2) New discoveries – its significance and contributions, 3) Social history, 4) Trade routes and economic history, 5) Political and religious history, 6) Cultural history, 7) Ancient territorial divisions and its geographical location, 8) Review of significant inscriptions and 9) New ideas on origin and evolution of script.
2. **National Seminar on '*Ancient Indian Religion and Traditions*'** which includes the discussion on 1) Nature and concept of Indian religion and traditions in ancient India, 2) Dynamics of religion and tradition in Indian text, 3) Interpretation of classical texts in the light of religious traditions and beliefs, 4) Ancient Indian traditions as the soul of Indian culture, 5) Reflections of philosophical thoughts in Indian religion, 6) Religion and traditions in Indian art, 7) Religion and science in the light of archaeology and literature, 8) Religion and folk traditions, 9) Religion and social structures as known through numismatic and epigraphic sources.
3. On this occasion, a **Souvenir** is being released containing abstracts of the research papers to be presented in the Conference and the National Seminar. Delegates and participants are requested to send it by 04th October 2022.

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About the Department

The Banaras Hindu University is one of the pioneering institutions in the country to initiate teaching and research in Ancient Indian History and Culture. There were stalwarts like Prof. R.D. Banerji, Prof. A.S. Altekar, Prof. R.C. Majumdar, Prof. Rajbali Pandey, Prof. Viswambhar Sharan Pathak, Prof. Awadh Kishor Narain just to name a few who once adorned the Department. For a comprehensive understanding of ancient period, the discipline of Archaeology was introduced in 1957. The Department has earned international reputation in the field of Indological studies. The multi faceted nature of the Department is reflected in the activities that expand in disciplines like religion, palaeography, economic history, prehistoric and early historical archaeology, archaeo-metallurgy, science and technology of archaeological materials etc. A number of field studies in terms of painstaking archaeological explorations and excavations, which were conducted by the department, cover a vast historical canvas – from Prehistoric times to the Historical period. The Department has made a few landmark discoveries, which are very significant for Indian History.

Needless to mention that on account of these contributions, the department was in receipt of some minor and major projects at individual and departmental level. Our centre has received some significant financial support in the last four decades which includes the 'Ford Foundation Project' for strengthening scientific archaeology, UGC's for 'Narhan Excavations', and 'Horizontal Excavations at Pre-NBP and NBPW levels at Agiabir, District Mirzapur, DST's for 'Remote Sensing and Archaeological Settlements', UKIERI's Collaborative Programme for 'Harappan Studies', The British Academy, London, European Research Council, Cambridge, DST-UKIERI, Cambridge, INSA's project on 'Ethno-archaeological Studies on Ancient Iron Metallurgy' and DST-FIST Programme for the Development of Archaeo-metallurgical Studies.

In addition to the above, a few major research projects have been awarded to the faculty members of the Department by the INSA, ICHR, Ministry of Culture, Government of India and other funding agencies. Further, the University Grants Commission selected this department for its Special Assistance Programme for three continuous phases, CAS Programme, UGC'S ASIHSS Programme and also for UPE Programme (2013-2020). In addition, Ministry of Culture, Government of India has given grant for the development of the Departmental Museum. As a result, a good infrastructure for research in diverse branches of Indological studies including archaeological laboratory and equipments, networking of the Department, computation of library etc. have been developed.

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REGISTRATION FORM

1.Name (in block letters) :

2.Designation :

3.Address :

Mob. No. :

Email :

4.Date & Time (Arrival) :

5.Mode of Transport (Arrival) :

6.Date and Time (Depart) :

7.Title of the Paper :

Jointly with :

Registration Fee:

Registration fee for the participation includes seminar kit and refreshments. Registration fee is non- refundable. Registration will be confirmed only after the receipt of the duly completed form and payment in full. Payments should be made through Demand Draft drawn in favor of ESI, 2022 or online banking to the SBI A/c No. 41252962056 , IfSC Code: SBIN0000211, BHU Branch, Varanasi.

Delegates : Rs. 1800/-

Students/Research Scholars : Rs. 1250/-

Details of Payment :

Date:

Signature:

Note : Please fill the Registration form and return it back to the Convener, ESI, Seminar, Dept. of AIHC and Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi-221005 (U.P.).