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Dear Members,

Dated: 28th July 2026

We are glad to inform you that the XLV Annual Congress of the Place Names Society of India will be held from **21st – 23rd of November 2026 in the P. G. Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha**. Dr. Anam Behera would be the Local Secretary and Dr. Sushanta Kumar Patra will be the Convener.

On behalf of the Society, we have great pleasure in inviting you/your Institution/ Museum / University to participate in the Congress. **Membership is mandatory to present papers in the Congress**. Members / accredited delegates are welcome to present scholarly papers at the sessions of the Congress. Individuals who have not yet become members, but wish to participate in the Congress are

requested to enrol themselves as members by remitting the membership fee (Account details are mentioned in the Google form) and submitting the Google form <https://forms.gle/Zi4KwRKTVEqaaZfa8> on or before **21st October 2026**. For any clarification, please mail placenamesociety@gmail.com. Those institutions which have not already become members are also requested to remit the membership fee and submit the Google form. Institutions are requested to depute not more than two delegates as their representatives. The membership fee details are:

Life Membership	Individual	Rs. 3,000/-
	Institutional	Rs. 6,000/-
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Details of the Congress, such as accommodation, delegate fee, etc., will be sent to the delegates in due course by the host in the second circular.

Members may please send soft copy of their full papers along with abstract and necessary photographs to the email placenamesociety@gmail.com, so as to reach on or before **21st October 2026**. **The paper shall be in accordance with the general guidelines for contributors.**

As per the decision taken in the Executive Committee Meeting and Annual General Body meeting during the 43rd Conference at Calicut, in order to improve the financial situation of the Society, it has been decided that, henceforth, all types of members shall be charged Rs.100/- per copy of the volume (postage of Rs.40/- extra if required to be sent through Regd. post). All members are requested to extend their cooperation.

Volume 45 of the Society's Journal *Studies in Indian Place Names*, containing papers presented in the 44th Annual Congress will be released on the occasion.

We will be happy to receive at an early date, your acceptance to attend the Congress. You may please contact the undersigned for any other information in this connection.

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The Place Names Society of India, annually publishes the proceedings of its Conference in its journal **Studies in Indian Place Names** (*Bhāratīya Sthālānāma Patrika*). It publishes recent studies and original research in the field of Onomastics.

The title of the paper along with the names, affiliations, mobile number, postal and e-mail addresses of all the authors.

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Edited Volume:

Acharya, Subrata Kumar. 2020. Sarei Plate of Narēndrabhaṇja. In *Heritage of Indian History, Culture and Archaeology*, Vol. II, ed. Pedarapu Chenna Reddy. Delhi: B. R. Publishing Corporation.

Unpublished thesis/dissertation:

Varma, Meka V. Raghavendra. 2011. A critical edition of Kāvyaadarpaṇa. Unpublished Ph.D. thesis, Pondicherry University.

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