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**History Wing, DDE & Department of History**

**Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu -608002**

(On the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Annamalai University: 1929-2019)

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Dear colleague

Warm Greetings from Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu, I take pleasure in inviting you to the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress which is being held from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 under the auspices of the History Wing, DDE along with the Department of History, Annamalai University. Hope you are in receipt of the First Circular from Prof. Sivadasan, P, General Secretary, SIHC, intimating you about the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the South Indian History Congress. It gives me immense pleasure in extending to you this cordial invitation on behalf of Prof. V. Murugesan, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University and also on my personal behalf to participate in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the SIHC.

## **Chidambaram**

Chidambaram, the temple town is located in Cuddalore district in Tamil Nadu and it has significant antiquity. The town is known for the Sri Nataraja Temple and for the chariot festivals held twice in a year. The roof of the hall of Cosmic Dancer of Sri Nataraja is one of the world famous attractions. The temple has architectural excellence along with innumerable sculptures with iconographic traits. The town had been epi-centre of freedom movement. Gandhiji visited the town as well as the University. He praised "the students of Annamalai University are known for their exemplary orderliness". The town can be reached by trains from Chennai, Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli and by bus from any part of Tamil Nadu or from other states. It takes 4 to 5 hours to travel from Chennai to Chidambaram and the nearest airports is Pondicherry.

## **Annamalai University - the Host**

Annamalai University stands as a premier institution of higher learning and vibrant academic activities. It owes its existence to the wisdom, benefaction and philanthropy of the farsighted visionary Dr. Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad who founded Sri Meenakshi College at Annamalai Nagar in 1920 from which the Annamalai University rejuvenated as per the Annamalai University Act of 1928. Annamalai University is a State University located at Annamalai Nagar east of Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu. The distance between University Administrative Office and Chidambaram bus terminal is just 1 km. The University is spread across 950 acres and offers courses of higher education in Arts, Science, Engineering, Education, Medicine, Dentistry, Management, Agriculture, Yoga and Sports etc. The most significant development is the enactment of the Annamalai University Act, 2013. Now the University has 49 departments and a number of advanced centres under the umbrella of ten faculties. The University has had the fortune of having a succession of eminent Vice-Chancellors to lift the University to an exalted height. Now, Prof. V. Murugesan has been the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

## **Department of History**

The Department of History has its proud origin from the Sri Meenakshi College started in 1920 which was the nucleus for the Annamalai University which formally came into existence in 1929. With the foundation of the University, the Department of History started to emerge as a full-fledged one catering the academic needs of the people all over the country. The Department had been adorned by the great historians such as Prof. K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, Prof. P.T. Srinivasa Iyengar, Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari and Prof. R. Sathianathaiyer, Prof. M.S. Govindasamy, Prof. A. Subbian, Prof. N. Alagappan, Prof. J. Rubavathi. The Department has produced renowned

scholars and reputed administrators including P.C.Alexander, K.Diraviam, Prof K.R.Hanumanthan, Dr.N.Subramanian, Thiru. Natana Kasinathan, and Mr. M. Azhakar. Prof.S.K.Govindaswami of Department of History, discovered the Chola mural paintings at the Brihadeeswara temple at Thanjavur in 1931 which has opened a new vista in the painting tradition of South India. The Department offers Post Graduate, Five Year Integrated, M.Phil. and Ph.D. degree courses. The Département is indulging incessantly in organizing seminars, workshops, conferences, special lectures and archaeological explorations. The Department museum is possessing an array of artifacts. Being a full-fledged Research Department, it has produced about 300 Doctoral Fellows. Now Prof. P. Rajan is heading the Department.

### **Directorate of Distance Education**

The Directorate of Distance Education was established in 1979 with the objective of expanding and providing alternative and life-long educational opportunities to all those who could not gain entry into the conventional system of education or enable to qualify further, through a combination of teaching and providing self-learning materials for study at each one's own pace and leisure. In the Directorate there are 18 Academic Divisions are coordinated by Professor of each division. It is a pioneer institution introducing innovative practices like, Placement Cell, Self-Supportive Study Centres and Personal Contact Programme. It is offering 281 courses. It has 73 Study Centres across the country. No one could visualize the expansion of the University without the Directorate. Now Dr. M. Arul has been its Director.

### **History Wing**

The History Wing was rejuvenated when the Directorate of Distance Education was established in 1979. It is the fortune of the History Wing that the scholars of high reputation happened to be its Heads. It started offering B.A History as well as M.A. History from 1980-81. Prof. Major T.V. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. K. Seshadri and Dr. K.S. Ramasamy, Dr. S. Govindarajn, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. J. Rubavathi and Dr. P. Rajan headed the Wing. At present Prof. K. Sankari is acting as the Co-ordinator and Prof. T. Ravichandran as the Deputy Co-ordinator of the Wing. The Wing has witnessed a tremendous growth by expanding its activities all over India as well as abroad with the backup of Study Centres. The faculty members of the Wing are always ready to offer academic succor for those who aspire for acquiring knowledge in History. The History Wing to its credit has organized a number of seminars, workshops and conferences.

### **Research Papers**

Papers in all five sections (Political, Social, Economic, Cultural and Historiography cum Maritime History) will be presented simultaneously during the conference.

### **Submission of Papers**

The South Indian History Congress is offering online registration of research papers. Members are requested to register the details of their papers through our website:[www.southindianhistorycongress.org](http://www.southindianhistorycongress.org). Scholars are requested to send their papers, soft copy (e-mail: [localsecretarysihc2020@gmail.com](mailto:localsecretarysihc2020@gmail.com)) & hard copy [100 words abstract along with full text] on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 to Prof. K. Sankari, Local Secretary, 40<sup>th</sup> South Indian History Congress, History Wing, DDE, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar -608 002, Tamil Nadu. Papers received on or before the due date will get precedence for presentation. More than one paper by a member shall not be admitted for presentation. The paper should be neatly computed in about 8 pages double spaced with endnotes and two copies of the paper should be sent to the Local Secretary. Endnotes should be numbered consecutively throughout the paper and placed at the end. Most important is that the paper presenters while presenting their papers at the respective sections should hand over a soft copy in CD form to the concerned Sectional President. Those papers in English alone will be considered for inclusion in the Proceedings Volume. **The Proceedings is listed in the UGC Care List of Journals since 2019.**

### **Local Secretary**

Prof. K.Sankari, Professor and Coordinator, History Wing, DDE, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar -608 002 Tamil Nadu. (Mobile- 09171761312, E-mail: [localsecretarysihc2020@gmail.com](mailto:localsecretarysihc2020@gmail.com)) will be the Local Secretary for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session.

### **Delegate Fee**

The outstation delegate fee is Rs.2000/-, and local delegates without accommodation is Rs.1500/-. The Scholar/Student delegate shall pay Rs.1000 as registration fee (both outstation and local). Participants are requested to send the delegate fee in advance by Demand Draft only in favour of the Local Secretary, 40<sup>th</sup> SIHC, payable at State Bank of India, Chidambaram Branch (Account No. 38869853223 & IFSC SBIN0000823) on or before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to enable us to plan your stay and hospitality. The DD should be sent to Prof. K. Sankari, Local Secretary, 40<sup>th</sup> South Indian History Congress, History Wing, DDE, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar - 608002, Tamil Nadu

## Reception and Registration

Reception counter at University Guest House in the University Campus will function from 2 .00p.m on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 till noon on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. During the same time a separate Counter will function for Registration. At the Registration Counter, preference will be given to those who sent their delegate fee in advance. The counter will be opened with dinner on 30th January and closes with the lunch on 2nd February 2020.

## Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided from 30<sup>th</sup> January evening to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 evening. Those who are bringing the spouses or family are advised to make their own arrangements. Accommodation will be provided to those who sent delegate fee on or before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Accommodation for spot registering delegates will depend upon the availability of rooms.

## Membership and Subscription

As a national forum, the SIHC admits members who are interested in Historical Studies on South India irrespective of any regional consideration. Members of the following categories are admitted: Annual Member Rs.500/-, Life Member Rs.4000/-, Institutional Membership Rs.10, 000/-, Patron Rs.10,000/- and Donor Rs.10,000/- or more. Year is reckoned as calendar year i.e., January to December. Membership Fee may be remitted by a Demand Draft favouring the South Indian History Congress, payable at Indian Overseas Bank, Madurai or any other bank at Madurai and may be sent to Dr. P. Balagurusamy (Treasurer, SIHC), Principal, G.T.N. Arts College , Dindigul-624005, Tamil Nadu. , Mobile No 9442235842. Membership fee will also be collected at the time of the session at Annamalai University. You are also requested to invite your colleagues and research scholars to become members of the South Indian History Congress.

## Symposium

Topic:” Problems and Prospects of Social Justice in South India: A Post-independent Evaluation”

Symposium President: **Prof. B.S. Chandrababu** , Former Professor , Madurai Kamaraj University

Panelists : **Prof. Y. Chinna Rao**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Prof. Sheik Masthan**, Bangalore University.

**Dr. T.K. Anandi**, Gender Advisor, Govt. of Kerala.

## Endowment / Special Lectures

1. KasthuriMisro Memorial Lecture : **Prof. T. Manohar**, Kakatiya University,
2. Prof. T.R Ramachandran Endowment Lecture : **Prof. IrannaPattar**, Dharwad University
3. Prof. B.C Ray Memorial Lecture : **Prof.A.Paslithil**, SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit,
4. Prof. B.S. Chandrababu Endowment Lecture : **Dr. Konda Sreenivasulu**, Kanumalla
5. Prof. PeddarapuChenna Reddy –  
Dr. Subhashini Endowment Lecture : **Prof. RekhaPande**,University of Hyderabad.
6. Govt. Arts College, Coimbatore Endowment Lecture : **Dr.Raja Mohamad**, Former Assistant Director of Museums
7. Prof. Janaki Endowment Lecture : **Dr. Y. Swarupa Rani**, University of Hyderabad.

### Best Paper Award

From 2020 onwards, the South Indian History Congress has instituted, ‘Kasthuri Misro Memorial Young Historian Award’ for the best paper presented in all the five sections by scholars below the age of 45 (forty five). Those who wish to consider their paper for the Award may send their papers as hard copy (Registered Post) with CD to the General Secretary, SIHC on or before 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Age proof also may be attached along with the hard copy.

## Enquiries and Help

For assistance after your arrival at Chidambaram you may please contact the following:

Mobile: **9092532888**

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Expecting your august presence at Annamalai University.

With happy smile & warm regards,

**Prof. K. Sankari**

Local Secretary,

S.I.H.C,40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

**Prof. P. Rajan**

Convener,

S.I.H.C,40<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

Prof. and Head

Department of History.