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FIRST CIRCULAR

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of the ISBS to you for your active support and valuable cooperation to make the 21st Annual Conference a success held through offline mode with safety measures due to COVID-19 pandemic, at the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed University under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India), Nalanda (Bihar) during October 1-3, 2021.

I feel pleasure to inform you that the **Indian Society for Buddhist Studies** is holding its 22nd Annual Conference at the **Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, (Deemed University under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of Bharat), Choglamsar, Leh** during **August 26th-28th 2022**. Prof. Bhag Chandra Jain, eminent professor and former Head, Dept. of Pali and Prakrit at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, has kindly consented to be the General President of this conference and to deliver the Key-Note Address. The following broad areas/fields are being proposed for deliberations during the Academic Sessions of the Conference:

1. Pali Language and Literature
2. Buddhist Sanskrit Language and Literature
3. Buddhism in Apabhramsha Literature
4. Central & East Asian Language and Literature (including Tibetan, Japanese, Thai, Sogdian, Kuchean etc.)
5. History of Buddhism in India & Abroad (including Art, Architecture, Archaeology etc.)
6. Buddhist Philosophy
7. Contemporary and Applied/Engaged Buddhism
8. Buddhism in the Comparative Light
9. Himalayan Buddhism
10. Buddhist Heritage and Tourism

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

As a matter of our policy, we always try to highlight Buddhism in the region/place of conference. So we shall have a special session on **History and Culture of Buddhism in Leh**. However, other areas of Buddhist Studies hitherto uncovered can also be explored for deliberations. 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 delegate 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.

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. 200/- will be levied as Late Fee within **July 15, 2022**.

*** 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 his/her research paper, can apply for the Life Membership to the next year. His/her 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

Annual US\$ 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 June 30,

2022. Membership will not be granted after that for the session. Any member, whose remittance is received after the last due dates (i.e. June 30, 2022), 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 June 30, 2022. 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 June 30, 2022.**

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 Choglamsar, Leh. The nearest airport/major railway station to Choglamsar is Leh Kushak Bakula Rimpoche airport and Jammu Tawi Railway station respectively. For confirmation of the same, please refer to Railway time table web site of

Flights.

PAPER FOR THE SESSION

Members are requested to prepare research papers in English/Hindi/Pali/Sanskrit/Tibetan 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 **March 31, 2022** (Pl. do not send any money as membership fee with your Abstract). Kindly submit your abstract at mailto:isbs@gmail.com.

Full Paper: latest by May 31, 2022.

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 June 30 2022. 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.
- Kindly ensure that your paper is computer typed in double 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 Endnotes 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.
- Paper minimum word limit for paper should not be less than 3000 words.
- Use diacritical marks for terms used in Pali, Sanskrit, Prakrit 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 March 31, 2022.** 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. The 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 Dilip Kumar Mohanta, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Calcutta.** In addition, the honouree will also be honoured with the **Kamladevi Jain Smriti Sammāna** which carries an amount of Rs. 5100/-.
2. ISBS feels pleasure to announce a new award from its 20th annual session i.e. **Dr. Sagar Mal Jain Vidya Bhushan Sammāna** which will be conferred to a senior scholar who has attained the age of 70 years and has contributed to the field of Buddhism, Jainism and/or Indian Philosophy 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. Sagar Mal Jain, a luminary personality in the field of Prachya Vidya in India.

3. In the same way, ISBS elated to honour **Prof. Damodar Sastri**, Retired Professor, Department of Jainology and Comparative Religion and Philosophy, Jain Visva Bharati University, Ladnun, Rajasthan for his contributions towards the promotion of Indology in general and Jainology in particular.
4. ISBS offering an opportunity to paper presenters to apply for a new category of award from its 22nd annual session i.e. **Satyaamritam Award**, which will be presented to the best paper presenter from the specialization of Buddhist Art/Architecture/Iconography/Numismatics, along with cash of 2500/- .

Five awards have been constituted (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sponsored) 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 Buddhaghosa 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, 2022.
2	Ācārya Nāgārjuna Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Sanskrit or Mahāyāna Buddhism.	
3	Mahākavi Svayambhū Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhism in Apabhramśa Literature.	
4	Mahapandita Rahul Sankrityayan Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Philosophy.	
5.	Satyaamritam Award (sponsored)	Paper should be on Buddhist Art/ Architecture/ Iconography/Numismatics.	Rs. 2500/- in cash with a Certificate of Appreciation. No age bar

Interested scholars must send their papers, so that the same reaches the office of the Secretary on or before May 31, 2022 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 03 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 by post or on phone No. +91- 9433607690 (cell) or through email: mailto:isbs@gmail.com.

Please Note the Important Information

Last Date for Abstract	Last Date for Full Paper	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
31 st March 2022	31 st May, 2022	Rs. 500	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2000
		(Membership)+ Rs. 2000 (Delegate)= Rs. 2500	(Membership)+ Rs. 2000(Delegate)= Rs. 4000	(Delegate Registration only)	(Membership)+ Rs. 2000(Delegate)= Rs. 4000
Fee shall not be accepted after due date i.e., June 30, 2022 what so ever the case may be.					

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 copy within 15 days from the date of payment as a documentary proof.

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Branch Code : **Canaal**
IFSC Code : **JAKA0CANAAL**
MICR Code : **180051018**

LOCAL SECRETARY

Dr. Rahul Mishra, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh will be the Local Secretary for the 22nd session. You can contact the Local Secretary for any local assistance. His contact number and email ids are: +91-9419973362, rahul.mishra378@gmail.com

A BRIEF ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE:

The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Choglamsar, Leh was established in 1959 by the Govt. of India. It is foremost important Institute of Ladakh region which serves courses like Tibetology, Ladakh Studies including Pañcamahāvidyā, and Buddhist Studies along with other subjects with modern approach. It holds the biggest library in the entire Himalayan region.

The early settlers of Ladakh were Aryans who were nature worshippers. Aftermath, Shamanism or Bön religion became the prominent one, Lamayuru monastery is such a symbolism. Emperor Aśoka first sent missionaries to influence people for Buddhism. But, during 1st -2nd century CE Kuṣāṇas succeeded to take hold on the region and erected the foundation stone of Buddhism there. The Kanika stūpa is the earliest evidence at the Zaskar valley. After the decline of Kuṣāṇas, it was during the 7th century CE that Tibetan emperor Songstan Gampo and his successors emperor Trisong Detsen, Ralpachen ruled there and it was during 8th century CE when Ladakh witnessed the glory of Buddhism. But, with the later Tibetan king Lang Darma the status of Buddhism again declined due to civil war and again during 11th century CE Buddhism got re-established there with the reign of king Guge. Under the supervision of scholar like Rinchen Zangpo, king Guge built several monasteries and monuments. Alchi monastery is the earliest monastic complex depicting the Kashmiri Art. Up to 15th century the status remained poised but later on Ladakh witnessed Islamic rule followed by Dogra rule. However, Buddhist culture kept its status sharing with other practices too.

How to Reach:

Leh is well connected by roads. Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar. It is situated at a distance of 7.5 km (approximately) from Ven. Kushok Bakula Airport, Leh. From Srinagar Choglamsar is about 421 km and from Manali 423 km (approximately) by road. One has to travel by bus or car from the respective places. If you wish to travel by road from Jammu Railway Station it will be 683 Km. approximately. If you travel to Leh from Jammu by road it will take about 16 hours. However, it will be easy to get acclimatized with the scanty quantity of Oxygen level at Leh. On the contrary, it is a must to take complete rest at Leh the day you reach Leh by Air.

In view of the above, it is advisable to reach Leh one day earlier than the actual commencement of the Session.

Climate:

The average altitude of Leh city is about 11,500 feet (3500 meters) from Sea level and that of Choglamsar about 10,500 feet (3200 meters). The quantity of Oxygen is meager, so it is always advisable to walk slowly and comfortably. Besides, it is suggested to take woolen clothes like Jacket, coat, sweater, muffler etc. during trip to Leh to get acclimatized with the local climate..

Places of Attractions in and around Leh:

There are over 100 monasteries, and natural sites like Tsomo Riri and Pangong Tso, Zanskar valley, Nubra valley, Magnetic hill, Khardung La, Hunder Sand dunes, Taglang La, Sindhu Ghat; Hall of fame, Gurudwara Patthar Sahib, besides old palaces in and around Leh. But, the most important monasteries are –Alchi, Hemis, Phuktal, Thiksey, Lamayuru, Karsha, Diskit, Likir, Namgyal Tsemo Gompa, Stakna, Shey, Matho, Spituk, Stok, Mulbekh, Takthok, Rizong, Phyang, Phugtal, Chemrey, Bardan, Hundur and Korzok. Leh and Stakna Palaces are also important ones. The Vishwa Shanti Stupa at Leh is an important Buddhist attraction.

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

Looking forward to welcome you at **Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh** at our 22nd Annual Conference.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,



(Saswati Mutsuddy)
Secretary