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FIRST CIRCULAR

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 22nd Annual Conference a success held at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (Deemed University under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of Bharat), Choglamsar, Leh during 26th-28th August, 2022.

I feel pleasure to inform you that the **Indian Society for Buddhist Studies** is holding its 23rd Annual Conference at the Jain University (Deemed to be University), Bangalore during 27th-29th October, 2023.

Prof. Susmita Pandey, Former Chair Person, Monuments Authority of India, 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. Linguistic comparison of Pali and Prakrit languages
3. Buddhist Sanskrit Language and Literature
4. Buddhism in Apabhramśa Literature
5. Central & East Asian Language and Literature (including Tibetan, Japanese, Thai, Sogdian, Kuchean etc.)
6. History of Buddhism /Jainism in India & Abroad (including Art, Culture, Architecture, Archaeology and iconography etc.)
7. Buddhist /Jain Philosophy
8. Contemporary And Applied/Engaged Buddhism/Jainism
9. Buddhism in the Comparative Light
10. Buddhist /Jain Heritage and Tourism
11. Buddhism/Jainism in Karnataka
12. Buddhist references in Prakrit Language and Literature and vice versa

However our main focus will be on Buddhism conjoining with Jainism. Please feel free to write on a topic of your choice concerning the areas cited above. **Usage of references from Pali / Prakrit / Sanskrit / Kannad 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 **History and Culture of Buddhism and Jainism in Karnataka.**

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, 2023**.

***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

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 July 31, 2023. 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, 2023), 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, 2023. 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, 2023.*

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 Bangalore. The nearest airport/major railway station to Bangalore is Kempegowda International Airport and Bangalore City Junction Railway station 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/ Apabhramśa 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, 2023** (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, 2023.**

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, 2023. 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 double column 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 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, 2023.** 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 B.R. Mani**, Former Director General & Vice Chancellor, National Museum and National Museum Institute respectively. In addition, the honouree will also be honoured with the **Kamladevi Jain Smriti Sammāna** which carries an amount of Rs.5100/-.

2. ISBS takes pleasure in announcing 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 60 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 scrutinising 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.

This year, ISBS elated to honour **Prof. Bhagchand Jain**, eminent professor and former Head, Dept. of Pali and Prakrit at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University for his outstanding contribution to Indology in general and Buddhism-Jainology in particular.

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 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, 2023.
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 Apabhraṁśa 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 bar.

Interested scholars must send their papers, so that the same reach the office of the Secretary on or before July 31, 2023 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:oisbs@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 renewing Life Membership
May 31, 2023	July 31, 2023	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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CO-ORDINATORS:

Dr. Trapti Jain, Associate Professor, Jain Philosophy Department (CAHC & CJS) Jain (Deemed to be University), Bangalore; will be the **Local Secretary** and Shri Rishabh Jain as co-coordinator for the 23rd session. You can contact the coordinators for any local assistance. The contact number and email id are: +91-8120783888 (Dr. Trapti Jain); email: Jainstudies.conference@jainuniversity.ac.in

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE:

Jain Global Campus 45 km,
NH-209, Jakkasandra Post
Kanakapura Taluk,
Ramanagara District – 562.

A BRIEF ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUE:

Jain University originates from Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain College (SBMJC), which was established by Dr. Chenraj Roychand, the chairman of JGI Group in the year 1990. On 2009, it rose to the status of Deemed to be University. The Bangalore based university ranked among the top universities in India and are considered a cerebral destination for the global students.

Bangalore or Bengaluru (officially) is the capital and the largest city of southern Indian state of Karnataka located on the Deccan plateau at a height of over 900 m above the sea level. It is also famous as 'the Silicon Valley of India' because of its leading role in software exporting and for being a major semiconductor hub. The city has a glorious history since 4000 BCE at Jalahalli, Koramangala and Chikkajala of 1000 BCE following up the reign of Cālukyas of Badami (350-550 CE), the Colas (1004 CE) till the Rāṣṭrakūṭas upto 10th CE and in the 12th CE Hoyasalas.

The airport is named after the feudal ruler under the Vijayanagara Empire, Kempe Gowda. In 1638 Adil Shah's Bijapur army defeated Kempe Gowda III and made his settlement. The Bangalore Jaigir came under Shahaji Bhonsle. Mughals later captured and sold it to Maharaja Devaraja Wodeyar II of Mysore. Haider Ali later controlled over the region. The region in later period controlled over by British East India Company after fourth Anglo Mysore War but later was hand overed along with the administrative control to Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III.

How to reach:

Bangalore or Bengaluru is well connected by Air, Railway and road with other cities and states of India. From Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore to Jain University the distance is 41.3 Km; from Bangalore City Junction Railway Station the venue is 10.9 Km far. Cars/taxis and buses from the airport and the Railway Station are easily available.

Climate:

Bangalore has a tropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. March-May the temperature remains 20°-38° C, June-September 19°-29° C and November-February 12°-29° C.

Places of attractions in and around Bangalore:

Some tourist destinations in Bangalore are: Lal Bagh Botanical Garden, Cubbon Park, Bangalore Palace, Bannerghatta National Park, Vidhana Soudha, St. Mary's Basilica, HAL Heritage Centre and Museum, Jawahar Lal Neheru Planetarium, National Gallery of Modern Art, Sri Someshwara Swami Temple, Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technical Museum, Government Museum, Ulsoor Lake, Sri Gavi Gangaadhareshwara Swamy Devasthanana, Nandi Hills and so on.

Mysore, another place of tourist attraction is located at the distance of approximately 150 kms.

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

Looking forward to welcome you at **Jain University, Bangalore, Karnataka** at our 23rd Annual Conference.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,



(Saswati Mutsuddy)
General Secretary,
ISBS