



INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS – 83TH SESSION

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Department of History and Punjab Historical Studies,
Punjabi University, Patiala



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Dear Delegates:

I am delighted to warmly welcome you to the 83rd session of the Indian History Congress at Punjabi University Patiala, scheduled from December 28 to 30th, 2024. It is an honour for us to once again host the Indian History Congress Session at Punjabi University after a 13-year gap. I must also place on record the gratitude of the Punjabi University Patiala to the Government of Punjab for agreeing to support the 83rd Annual session of the Indian History Congress.

About Us

Host Institute:

Punjabi University, established in 1962 in the princely state of Patiala, aims to promote and develop the Punjabi language, literature, culture, heritage, art, and History. It is the second University in the world to be named on the language. Punjabi University Patiala holds an 'A+' grade accreditation from NAAC. Since its establishment, the University has expanded into a multi-faceted educational institution with various faculties, offering higher education and research opportunities in Languages, Social Sciences, Arts and Culture, Education and Information Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences, Business Studies, Medicine, Computing Sciences, Laws, and Multidisciplinary Five year Integrated Post Graduate Programmes. The University includes 65 departments, nine neighborhood campuses, and 274 affiliated colleges.

About the Department:

The Department of Punjab Historical Studies was established in 1963 under the stewardship of Dr. Ganda Singh. Recognizing the need for comprehensive teaching and research in History, a separate Department of History was established in 1967. However, in 2022, both departments were merged and named as the Department of History and Punjab Historical Studies. The Department focuses on innovative teaching methods at the postgraduate level and fosters extensive research at the Ph.D. level. Currently, the Department offers M.A. in History with an annual intake of 60 students. Recently, under the new education policy, the Department introduced a five-year integrated program in History with an intake of 30 students. Over 350 scholars have received their M.Phil. degrees, and more than 150 scholars have earned their Ph.D. degrees from this Department. The Department is known for organizing the Punjab History Conference and the South Asian History Conference annually. Faculty members and scholars of the Department have contributed significantly to various areas of history and culture, including trade, agriculture, irrigation, industry, and the society and religion of Punjab. The department has also encouraged important historical research areas like the freedom struggle in Punjab, agrarian relations in Punjab, Dalit studies, folk and tribal studies, women's studies, working-class movements, biographies, oral History, and historiography.

About the Venue:

The Venue of the Indian History Congress is the Punjabi University, a spreading 316-acre campus in Patiala, Punjab State. Patiala is well connected by road, rail, and air from all parts of the country. The Ambala Cantonment Junction (UMB), Rajpura Junction (RPJ), and Patiala Railway Station (PTA) are the three railway stations located very close to the IHC venue. Ambala junction is 60 km from the venue, Rajpura is 22 km away, and Patiala is 7 km away. Patiala has good road connectivity to cities in Punjab and nearby states. Cities like Amritsar, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Jammu, Ambala, and Delhi have frequent buses plying to and from Patiala, and the bus stand is 1 km away from the venue. Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali (IXC), located 58 km away from the venue, has direct flights from all major cities of India. We suggest participants book flight/rail tickets as soon as possible since December falls during the peak tourist season.

Transportation Facilities:

We will provide a convenient bus service for pick and drop from the nearest stations to the Indian History Congress venue on arrival, along with daily transfers between the venue and hotels. An inquiry desk will be set up at Ambala (UMB), Patiala (PTA), and Rajpura (RPJ) Railway Stations from 11:00 am on December 27, 2024. Buses will transport delegates to the IHC Venue at Punjabi University.

A reception/help desk will be available at the Main Gate of Punjabi University from 1:00 pm on December 27, 2024, until noon on December 29, 2024. Delegates arriving by air at Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali (IXC). Private taxi options are available from airport to University at Rs 800 to Rs 1000. Delegates will have to hire taxi on their own expenses.

Registration

Accommodation: We strive to accommodate the delegates on our campus to ensure they have a splendid experience. Accommodation in Punjabi University Hostels is and will be on a sharing basis with common washrooms and toilets. Room allocation will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Hotel Accommodation will be provided from the evening of December 27, 2024, to the morning of December 31, 2024. Those staying in University hostel accommodation are advised to bring their own bed sheets, mosquito repellent, etc. Delegates travelling with their families are requested to arrange their own accommodation. Transportation will be arranged for the delegates only who are accommodated outside the campus.

Accommodation Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/4TkFra4NWqEJRfmV8>

Registration Fees and Payment Mode

Keeping in mind the cost of conducting the conference, the Organizing Committee has decided the following fee structure:

Registration Fee structure

Delegate Fee for All (with Hotel Accommodation) Rs 5500/- on Sharing Basis

Delegate Fee for All (with PUP Hostel Accommodation) Rs 3000/- on Sharing Basis

Delegate Fee for all locals (Without accommodation) Rs 2500/-

Delegate Fee for Research Scholars/Students (Without accommodation) Rs 2000/-

Online Payment: The last date by which the payment be made positively is 12 December, 2024. No payment shall be accepted after this date. Please mention your Membership No. while paying the Delegate Fee online. All the participants need to register online with the details of their transaction ID and a copy of the receipt. Annual Members must provide proof of payment of their membership fees for the current year. Life Members must provide the correct membership number. Without online registration, accommodation cannot be provided.

Name of the Bank : State Bank of India, Punjabi University Campus Branch, Patiala

Account Name : 83th Indian History Congress

Account Number : 43333917633

IFSC Code : SBIN0050009

MICR Code : 147002022

QR Scanner for Payment :



Registration Form

About Patiala

Patiala is a city in the south-eastern part of Punjab, in northern India. It is the fourth largest city in the state and serves as the administrative headquarters of Patiala district. The town is located around the Qila Mubarak (the Fortunate Castle), which was constructed by chieftain 'Baba Ala Singh in 1763 AD, who founded the royal dynasty of the Patiala State. Patiala is well-known for its traditional Patiala-Shahi turban, paranda (a tasseled tag for braiding hair), Patiala salwar (a type of female trousers), jutti (a type of footwear), and Patiala peg (a measure of liquor) in popular culture. It is a judicious synthesis of a brilliant spectrum of Rajput, Mughal, and Punjabi cultures and a fine blend of modernity and tradition. The city has several educational institutions: Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Government Medical College, State College of Education, Government College of Physical Education, Government Bikram College of Commerce College, and Government Mohindra Colleg, Government Ayurvedic College and several Science and Arts Colleges, and National Institute of Sports.

Patiala is about 250 kilometres from National Capital Territory Delhi, 50 kilometres from Ambala Cantonment, and 70 kilometres from Chandigarh. The weather in December is typically very cold, with temperatures around 10o-12o C. The participants are advised to bring warm clothing.

Gurdwara Dukh Nivaran Sahib: Some people from village Lehal donated land for the Gurudwara built on this elevated site, which is said to have been visited by the ninth Sikh Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib. The legend is that anyone who prays at this Gurudwara is relieved of his suffering ('dukhniwaran').

Gurdwara Sahib Moti Bagh: Gurdwara Moti Bagh is located in Patiala city. When the ninth Sikh Guru, Teg Bahadur Sahib, started his journey towards Delhi, he visited this place via Kiratpur Sahib, Bharatgarh Sahib, Roap Makar, Kabulpur, etc. Sufi Saint Saif Ali Khan was a great follower of Guru Sahib. To fulfill his wish, Guru Sahib came to his place, Saifabad (Bahadurgarh), and stayed there for three months. Saif Ali Khan served Guru Sahib with great devotion. During the daytime, Guru Sahib meditated inside the Qila (Fort) and would come here at night. From here, Guru Sahib left for Samana and rested for some time before continuing towards Cheeka via Karhali and Balbera.

Maa Kali Devi Mandir: The Shri Kali Devi Temple in Patiala, dedicated to Maa Kali, was commissioned by Maharaja Bhupinder Singh in 1936. The Maharaja, who ruled Patiala from 1900 to 1938, brought a 6-ft statue of Maa Kali and a sacred flame from Bengal and offered the first sacrifice of a water buffalo. The temple, now a national monument, attracts many devotees from both Hindu and Sikh communities. It also features an older temple dedicated to Raj Rajeshwari. Located opposite the Baradari Garden on Mall Road, devotees commonly offer mustard oil, lentils, sweets, coconuts, bangles, chunnis, goats, hens, and liquor, with over 60,000 bottles of liquor offered during Navratras alone.

Qila Mubarak: Built in 1764 by Maharaja Amar Singh. The fort has two portions. Qila Androon is the inner fort, and Qila Mubarak is the outer. The gate of Qila Androon is made of lime plaster with geometrical and floral designs. Inside the fort are two painted chambers illustrating scenes from Hindu mythology and portraits of Sikh Gurus in Patiala style. Also, a part of the fort is a museum of chandeliers and famous weapons.

Sheesh Mahal: The Sheesh Mahal was built behind the main Moti Bagh Palace to serve as a pleasure complex. The paintings in two of its well-maintained, mirror-worked chambers are of Kangra and Rajasthani qalam, depicting the poetic visions of Keshav, Surdas, and Bihari. The Sheesh Mahal now houses a museum, an art gallery, the famed medal gallery, and the North Zone Cultural Centre.

Baradari Gardens: The Baradari Gardens are north of old Patiala City, just outside Sheranwala Gate. Set up during the reign of Maharaja Rajindera Singh, the garden complex features extensive vegetation of rare trees, shrubs, and flowers, along with impressive Colonial buildings and a marble statue of Maharaja Rajindera Singh. The gardens include a cricket stadium and a skating rink. A small palace at its heart is called Rajindera Kothi.

Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NSNIS), Patiala: Established in 1961, the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NIS) in Patiala is the largest sports institute in Asia. In January 1973, the institute was renamed Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports. NIS is located in the Old Moti Bagh palace, which was bought by the government of India after independence, in the princely city of Patiala. The National Institute of Sports Museum houses various sports, including a 95 kg hass (a doughnut-shaped exercise disc) used by the Great Gama for squats, Major Dhyan Chand's gold medal from the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, and PT Usha's 1986 Seoul Asiad shoes.

Patiala Nearby Places

Chandigarh	70km	Manali	341Km
Ludhiana	93km	Dharmshala	278km
Jalandhar	154km	Dalhouse	357Km
Amritsar	233km	Jammu	371km
Shimla	154km	Delhi	277km

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