



SOUTH INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS (SIHC)

45th ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 13 - 15, 2026

hosted by

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & Tourism

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, NALGONDA- 508254, TELANGANA

LOCAL SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR

Dear Delegates,

We are glad to inform you that the Department of History & Tourism is hosting the 45th annual Session of the South Indian History Congress during **13 - 15 November 2026**. On behalf of the SIHC 45th Session, we have a great pleasure in extending invitation to you / your University/Institution to participate in the Congress.

Nalgonda: Nestled in the heart of Telangana, Nalgonda stands out as a district, rich in natural resources and heritage, playing a pivotal role in the region's economic growth. Its ancient temples and forts echo a vibrant history showcasing a traditional culture that is still alive today. Agriculture is the main source of livelihood bolstered by significant irrigation projects such as the Nagarjuna Sagar on the Krishna River, which make it a living testament to the area's resilience and development. Nalgonda has also made notable contributions to education, freedom struggle, social upliftment and growth of industry. With its unique historical significance, cultural richness and diverse economic activities, Nalgonda continues to be an important area for further exploration and study. In essence, it encapsulates a harmonious blend of natural resources, cultural richness, and contemporary advancements.

Mahatma Gandhi University: In accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Universities Act, 1991, Government of Andhra Pradesh had established Nalgonda University which later named as Mahatma Gandhi University. The University has been created to advance the government's objective of promoting access, equity and affordability of higher education. It spread over in an area of 240- acres of sprawling lush green campus at Anneparthi. The University is situated on the Nalgonda, Narketpally State Highway. On 10th June, 2023, the University had been accredited a "B+" grade from the NAAC.

The University College of Arts and Social Sciences, as a constituent college of Mahatma Gandhi University, was established in the academic year 2011-12 with a mission to deliver high-quality, value-based education to young learners. Initially, the College offered three postgraduate courses: M.A. English, M.A. Economics and M.S.W. Subsequently three more PG programmes were added i.e. M.A History & Tourism, M.A Telugu, M.A. Psychology. Presently, the University is offering six postgraduate and two Ph.D. programmes. The College is contributing for academic excellence, promoting research along with co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Students are provided with modern amenities such as computers, language laboratories, smart classrooms, library with rich collection and Wi-Fi facility.

Department of History & Tourism: The Department of History & Tourism was started during the academic year 2019-20 offering a two-year M.A. History & Tourism programme structured into four semesters. This programme is designed to provide students a broad and deep understanding of historical

events, societies, cultures, and the contemporary world. Its goal is to instil a strong foundation in historical knowledge while enhancing students' analytical skills. The training of students on tourism aspects equips with insights into the Tourism and Travel Industry, covering areas such as travel agencies, tour operations and other tourism-related services. Students would also learn about tourism resources, cultural diversity and environmental challenges, along with communicational and managerial skills. This comprehensive training prepares them to grab the varied career opportunities in the tourism sector and related fields.

South Indian History Congress (SIHC)-2026: The South Indian History Congress was founded at a conclave of historians at the School of Historical Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, on 2nd December, 1978. Prof. K.K. Pillay had served as the founder President and Prof. K. Rajayyan was the founding General Secretary. The South Indian History Congress has emerged as one of the premier professional forums for historians and scholars engaged in the study of South Indian history. It brings together eminent historians, research scholars, teachers, and students from different parts of South India and beyond. The Annual Sessions of the Congress were earlier hosted successfully every year by prominent Colleges and Universities in South India.

The 45th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress (SIHC) is set to be hosted by Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, Telangana. The Department of History and Tourism in the University College of Arts and Social Sciences (UCASS) offers a platform for historians, researchers and students to present their research papers and discuss recent advancements in South Indian historical studies. The Conference will cover a wide range of themes, like political, social, economic, cultural and religious history, along with historiography and history of marginalized communities. It aims at promoting interdisciplinary approaches, introducing new research methodologies, and highlighting South India's contributions within the broader context of Indian and global history. By fostering interaction between senior scholars and emerging researchers, the Conference seeks to encourage critical inquiry, preserve South India's rich heritage, and enhance academic collaboration in the field of historical research.

Sessions

Political History

Social History

Economic History

Cultural History

Historiography and Maritime History

History of Marginalized Communities

Digital and Online Presentation

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How to Reach: The University is situated at Anneparthi village, 10 Km away from Nalgonda city. It is connected with all modes of public/private transportation. The University is 10 Km away from the Nalgonda Railway station and Bus Station and around 90 km away from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, Telangana.

Delegate registration, Payment**Fee****Last date for registration is**

- Delegates with accommodation : Rs. 3300
- Delegates without accommodation : Rs. 2300
- Research Scholars with accommodation : Rs. 1700
- Research Scholars without accommodation :Rs. 1200

3 November 2026**Bank Account Details:**

The Delegates fee can be remitted in the following Account

Account No: 45577298528

IFSC Code- SBIN0021270

Branch - State Bank of India

Address - Anneparthi Branch, Nalgonda -508254, Telangana.

The registration fee shall be paid online only. Payment can be made through the details available on the website **www.southindianhistorycongress.org**. Delegates are requested to make the payment before starting the registration process, using the payment details provided on the portal. The registration process should then be completed by entering the details of the payment made. To ensure smooth registration and submission of research papers, all delegates must register their names and submit their research papers exclusively through the online platform on our website, before **3 November 2026**. Delegates registered for the last three sessions (2023, 2024 & 2025) can retrieve their data by entering their registered mobile number. These delegates can view/download their previous SIHC certificates from the portal. The following documents are needed to complete the registration process for new delegates.

- Photograph of the registering delegate
- SIHC ID card or any other photo ID card
- Details of the delegate fee paid
- Research paper (in M.S. Word format only)

The delegate fee will be collected online through the registration portal. We strongly encourage you to pay in advance to help us to make arrangements for food and accommodation etc. This will ensure a more comfortable and well-organized experience for all participants.

Reception and Registration	Transportation	Accommodation
Our Volunteers will receive the delegates at the Nalgonda Railway Station and the Bus Station only. Reception Counter will function from the afternoon of 12 November 2026. Registration will Start on the University Campus on 12-11-2026 at 12 noon.	Transportation will be arranged for the Delegates from Nalgonda Railway Station & Bus Station to the University Campus from 12 November 2026.	We are providing accommodation to the delegates in various guest houses, hotels and dormitories. Accommodation will be provided from 4.00 pm of 12-11-2026 to 4.00 pm of 15-11-2026 only. Accommodation cannot be assured to delegates, who do not pay their delegate fee on or before 3 November 2026.

Membership of SIHC

As a national forum, the SIHC admits members interested in Historical Studies on South India, irrespective of regional affiliation. Members are admitted in the following categories with a financial contribution: **Annual Member Rs.600/-, Life Member Rs.5000/-, Institutional Membership Rs.10,000/-, Patron Rs.10,000/- and Donor Rs.50,000/-** or more. The year is reckoned as a calendar year, i.e., January to December. Membership in SIHC is a primary criterion to participate in the Conference.

Submission of Paper

The delegates must upload the full text of their research paper to the registration portal for presentation. However, uploading the research paper is not necessary for registration. After successfully completing the registration process, a registration number and password will be sent to the registered email from the SIHC portal. The delegates can login to the portal with those credentials and can submit, edit, modify, and resubmit their papers on or before the **3 November 2026**. The papers should be in MS Word format with end notes. Please refer to the instructions in the First Circular available on the website before submitting your paper.

Enquiries: For assistance, please contact the following officials:

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We are looking forward with immense pleasure to meet you at the Conference.

With Warm Regards,

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