



INDIAN SOCIETY FOR PREHISTORIC AND QUATERNARY STUDIES

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Pune 411006

JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE and NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM) 04th – 06th December (Friday – Sunday), 2026

FIRST CIRCULAR

(Sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research)

Host: Vrindavan Research Institute, Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Venue: Vrindavan Research Institute, Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

Dates: 04th – 06th December (Friday – Sunday), 2026

Dear Members,

We are happy to inform that the 52nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (ISPQS), 57th Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), and 48th Annual Conference of the History and Culture Society (HCS) will be held in collaboration with the Vrindavan Research Institute, Vrindavan, Mathura from 04th – 06th December (Friday – Sunday), 2026.

Details of Registration Fees

1. Delegates (Life Members) attending the conference and requiring accommodation: **INR 3000/-** (Rupees three thousand only)
- 1a. Another person accompanying the delegate: **INR 3000/-** (Rupees three thousand only)
2. Local Delegates (Life Members)/Researchers attending the conference and not requiring accommodation: **INR 2000/-** (Rupees two thousand only)
3. Students (UG, PG, and Ph.D.) attending the conference and not requiring accommodation: **INR 1200/-** (Rupees twelve hundred only)
- 3a. Students (UG, PG, and Ph.D.) attending the conference and requiring accommodation: **INR 3000/-** (Rupees three thousand only)

This conference is strictly meant for Life Members of the three Societies. Any NON-MEMBER scholar who wishes to participate must become member of any of the three societies by consulting the websites of IAS, ISPQS and HCS before sending the form.

Participants (life members of any of the three Societies only) attending the conference are requested to send the registration fee latest by **1st November, 2026** in the account holder's name "**General Secretary, The Indian Archaeological Society**",

Bank Name: **INDIAN BANK,**
Branch: **Mehrauli Road, 7 SJS, Sansanwal Marg, Katwaria Sarai, Mehrauli**
Institutional Area, New Delhi 110016.
Account No. **405039948**
NEFT/IFSC Code: **IDIB000M089**

Send the transaction details along with Participation form (attached below) to Coordinator of Conference (mentioned below) and a copy to General Secretary, ISPQS on info@manandenvironment.org

Themes for Presentations

1. Topic of National Seminar: **Braj Culture and Archaeology**
2. Theme of ISPQS Seminar: **Recent Advances in Prehistoric Archaeology of Northern India**

There shall also be open sessions to present paper on any aspect of Prehistoric archaeology and Quaternary studies as well as any theme on Indian archaeology. The papers can be presented in English as well as Hindi.

The abstract should be sent to mail id: on or before **1st November, 2026** so that the papers can be arranged for compilation of an abstract booklet. This will also help to chalk out and print the programme for conference. Abstract should be in MS word (doc/docs) format.

In addition, all ISPQS members should send ONLY SOFT COPY each of the Participation Form and Abstract to info@manandenvironment.org

Only members/participants, who send their abstracts on or before **1st November, 2026** and registration fee as mentioned above will be accepted and will find in the agenda of the seminar and accommodation. This is because the organizer will have to arrange accommodation, etc. Last minute submission of abstract and registration fee will not be accepted and in such cases the participants will have to arrange of their own accommodation.

Members are requested to adhere to the time schedule specified above to enable: (a) the Organizing Secretary to know the exact number of participants well in advance for making lodging, boarding and, other arrangements, and (b) to chalk out and print the programme for presentation of papers.

Every paper presenter will get 20 minutes time to complete his/her paper reading while presenting in the seminar and another 05 minutes will be for discussion. Due to paucity of time, no member will be permitted to present more than one paper in the conference. In order to give adequate time to the members to present their papers, and to have discussion on them, we will strictly adhere to the printed programme.

AWARDS

Scholars desiring to compete for **Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award** (below the age of 40 years) and **Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award** (no age limit) should submit their full paper (try to limit it to 6000 words) in all respects (including figures), to General Secretary, ISPQS, on the following email info@manandenvironment.org **not later than 1st November, 2026**. Papers received after this date will not be considered for presentation. The decision of presentation will depend on recommendation of a three-member referee panel.

I request the members to extend their full co-operation to the organizers and abide by the conditions outlined above to ensure a smooth and dignified functioning of the conference.

The Annual General Body Meeting will be held on 5.12.2026 at the Conference venue.

Attention

1. Members are requested to give their Mobile Number and active E-mail address for swift interactions.
2. The weather in Vrindavan, Mathura in December will be cold and suitable winter clothing will be required.
3. The boarding and lodging arrangements will start from 3rd December 2026 evening, and will close on the morning of 7th December 2026.
4. Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh is well connected by road/train from all parts of the country. The nearest airport to travel to Vrindavan, Mathura is Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Airport, Agra (70 km from Vrindavan, Mathura), and nearest railway station is Mathura Junction (15 km from Vrindavan, Mathura)
5. Participants are requested to book their tickets themselves. Since computerized railway reservations are made at almost all the major railway stations and online, you are requested to kindly book your return reservations at your end itself.
6. Beware of monkeys, do not wear loose spectacles/goggles outside and take care of your belongings.
7. Since Vrindavan, is a dry area, it is informed to all the delegates to completely avoid non-vegetarian food and alcoholic beverages.

Kindly use the Conference e-mail for correspondence:

vrindavanresearch@gmail.com

For any other queries/assistance regarding boarding/lodging at Vrindavan Research Institute, use the contact number of the conference organizer given below.

Organizing Secretary

Dr. Rajeev Dwivedi
Director
Vrindavan Research Institute
Mob. No.: 9889352195

Place: Pune
Date: 20/07/2026

Sushama G. Deo
General Secretary, ISPQS
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4th – 6th December (Friday–Sunday), 2026

PARTICIPATION FORM

1. Name (in full) (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

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2. Postal Address

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Phone:

E-mail:

Fax:

3. I am a Life Members of IAS / ISPQS / HCS: Yes/No

4. I will present the following paper (Title) in the thematic/open session:

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Jointly with

6. I am sending my Registration fee (Rs.) by demand draft drawn in
favour of “The Indian Archaeological Society.” payable at New Delhi or by NEFT.

Demand Draft No. and date/Online Transaction Reference No. and date:

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I am sending/have already sent the delegation fee of Rs. per
accompanying person on their behalf also: (Full name and relationship)

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Arrival date & time at Vrindavan, Mathura:

Departure date & time from Vrindavan, Mathura:

Mode of Travel by: Air/Train:

Date:

Signature

FOR OFFICE USE

Serial Number: _____ Date of Receipt: _____