



1st circular **5th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology**

Organized by

Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, Govt. Of Chhattisgarh

And

School of Studies in Anthropology, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur

On behalf of the organizing committee, we warmly invite all archaeologists and scholars working on topics related to Archaeology of South Asia to participate in the 5th International Congress of Society of South Asian Archaeology. This important event will be held in Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Raipur from *15th to 18th of February, 2014*.

It will be organized by Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, Govt. of Chhattisgarh in collaboration with the School of Studies in Anthropology, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur.

The main aim of SOSAA is to bring Archaeologists, Historians, Anthropologists and other Archaeological Scientists of South Asia on one platform so that some of the common issues related to population movement, culture, trade exchange and impact of climate on cultures can be meaningfully discussed. This will provide an opportunity to exchange data, ideas and insights into new discoveries made in the last couple of years in South Asia. So far the studies in Archaeology and History are mostly carried out on individual country basis in South Asia but perhaps a better and complete compensative picture may supposedly be achieved if the intended research is extended to the other countries of South Asia, because these countries share a common interlocking cultural heritage. The previous four conferences of SOSAA were highly successful because of direct interaction and dialogue between scholars from various South Asian Countries.

Important Dates:

Submissions of paper and poster abstracts by *30th November, 2013*

Submissions of full paper by *30th December, 2013*

Themes of the Seminar

- I. Status of Scientific Archaeology in South Asia
- II. Archaeology and History of South Asia
- III. Recent Archaeological topics in South Asia

Provisional Subtopics

- Prehistory
- Physical Anthropology
- Environmental Archaeology
- Proto and Early History
- Settlement Archaeology
- Maritime Archaeology
- Industrial Archaeology
- Art History
- Ancient Architecture
- Epigraphy
- Tourism, Heritage Management and Conservation
- Ancient Technology and Computer Application
- Museum Studies and Development
- Religion
- Trade
- Folklore and Ethnology
- Sciences in Archaeology
- Special session focusing on Archaeology of Chhattisgarh

Guidelines for Authors

- Papers are invited on the topics outlined. Abstract texts of not more than 500 words should clearly mention the research problem and methodology and expected results. Language: English
- Full paper (Font: Times New Roman, Size, 12, Line spacing 1.5)
- We strongly encourage the submission of abstracts and full papers through these emails: write@sosaa.org, sosaaindia@gmail.com, deptt.culture@gmail.com
- Please include your name, full address, email id and conference topic on all submissions.
- Posters should be no larger than 0.6m x 0.9m (A1) in size and should be in **portrait** format.

Registration Fee

Non South Asian Delegates: Rs 4000

South Asian Delegates: Rs. 2000

Local Delegates (people who do not need accommodation): Rs. 1000

Any accompanying person with Non South Asian delegates Rs, 4000; with South Asian delegates Rs. 2000 and local delegates Rs.1000

All delegates will have to pay the registration fee at the conference venue

Accommodations for participants

Moderate accommodation will be provided to delegates in Hotels/Guest houses/circuit houses on twin sharing basis from 14th to 19th February, 2014

Post Conference Tour

There will be visit to the archaeological site of Sirpur as a post conference tour on 18th February, 2014.

Organising Committee

Conveners: 1. Shri Rahul Singh Dy. Director, Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, Govt. of Chhattisgarh

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