

**XL ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EPIGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA &  
XXXIV SESSION OF THE PLACE NAMES SOCIETY OF INDIA  
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**DIRECTORATE OF CULTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY,  
MGM MUSEUM, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH-492001**

**LOCAL SECRETARY'S CIRCULAR**

**Dear Colleague**

**Dated : 28.10.2014,**

Warm greetings to you from Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, MGM Museum, Raipur. I, on behalf of my colleagues and staff, have great pleasure in inviting you to our Department for the ensuing the XL Session of the Epigraphical Society of India and the XXXIV session of the Place Names Society of India, 2014. During the seminar an open session will be held on the topic *Recent Discoveries in the field of Epigraphy in Chhattisgarh*.

**Chhattisgarh**

Chhattisgarh is a state in Central India. It is the 10th largest state in India and 16th most-populated state of the nation. The state was formed on 1 November 2000 by partitioning Chhattisgarhi-speaking south-eastern region of Madhya Pradesh. Raipur was made its capital city. Chhattisgarh is endowed with a rich cultural heritage and attractive natural diversity. The state is full of ancient monuments, rare wildlife, exquisitely carved temples, Buddhist sites, palaces, water falls, caves, rock paintings and hill plateaus. Most of these sites are untouched and unexplored and offer a unique and alternate experience to tourists, compared to traditional destinations which have become overcrowded.

In ancient times, this region was known as Dakshin-Kosal. This area also finds mention in Ramayana and Mahabharata. Between the sixth and twelfth centuries, Sarabhapurias, Panduvanshi, Somvanshi, Kalachuri and Nagavanshi rulers dominated this region. Recent excavations at Damru, dist. Balodabazar-Bhatapara and Tarighat, dist. Durg in the state have revealed some new seals and sealings belonging from pre-Kushan to Gupta period which shed new light on the history and archaeology of Chhattisgarh.

**Reaching Raipur**

Almost the entire railway network spread over the state comes under the geographical jurisdiction of the [South East Central Railway Zone](#) of Indian Railways. Raipur Railway station is connected directly to all four metros and major cities of India. For details about trains passing through Raipur Railway Station, please log on to the link: <http://www.cleartrip.com/trains/stations/r>. A help desk will be there at Platform No. 1 (Tourist Information Centre) to assist the delegates. Since computerized railway reservations are available at all the railway stations across the country, participants should make return reservations at their own end well in advance. The nearest airport is the Swami Vivekananda Airport (formerly known as Mana Airport), which is approximately 10 km from Raipur.

The weather of Raipur in December will be cold. The delegates are requested to bring sufficient warm-clothing and preferably blanket also. We would solicit your full co-operation to ensure a smooth, successful and productive Conference. Our Reception Desk will be active from the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### **DELEGATE FEE**

Members of the Epigraphical and Place Names Societies of India, who wish to attend the session must send their *delegate fee of Rs. 1000* (Rupees One thousand only) by *Demand Draft* in favour of the *Dy. Director, Archaeology, Archives, Museum, Language & Culture, Raipur*. It can also be deposited locally in cash during working hours. The **payment of delegate fee** must reach us by **5 December 2014**. For enquires regarding delegate fee and abstract papers, please contact **Dr. Atul Kumar Pradhan, Mobile: 09754875987**([atulcgculture@gmail.com](mailto:atulcgculture@gmail.com)).

### **MEMBERSHIP**

As membership of either of the two societies mentioned above is essential for your registration as a delegate. Individuals and institutions need to enroll themselves as members of ESI and PNSI by filling up the prescribed format and depositing the annual/life membership fees to the Treasurer of either of the societies.

### **SUBMISSION OF PAERS**

Members/delegates are welcome to present scholarly papers in the academic sessions of the conference. They may send two copies of their papers with an abstract not exceeding twenty lines to the **Local Secretary** by email (Mailid: [epigraphyculture@gmail.com](mailto:epigraphyculture@gmail.com), [epigraphicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:epigraphicalsociety@gmail.com), [deptt.culture@gmail.com](mailto:deptt.culture@gmail.com), [deptt.culture@yahoo.co.in](mailto:deptt.culture@yahoo.co.in), with a copy to [epigraphicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:epigraphicalsociety@gmail.com) or [sampath133@gmail.com](mailto:sampath133@gmail.com) on or before 5 December 2014.


### **ADVISORY**

The delegates are further requested to fill up the DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM appended to this circular and send them back by post/ mail ([epigraphyculture@gmail.com](mailto:epigraphyculture@gmail.com)) to the Local Secretary on or before 5 December 2014. The organising committee provide the accomodations to the delegates from afternoon of 18.12.2014 to the morning 22.12.2014.

**IMP. NOTE: The delegates are requested to submit the full paper at the end of presentation of the conference which help us to publish the proceedings of this conference.** Please treat this as important.

We look forward to your full cooperation to make this session a success.

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**Designation:**

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**Phone No. / Mobile No. :**

**Date and Time of Arrival:**

**Name and No. of Train/Flight:**

**Date and Time of Departure:**

**Name and No. of Train/Flight:**

**Name & Signature of the Delegate**