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(48th Indian Social Science Congress)

(NOVEMBER 19-21, 2026, HEMCHAND YADAV VISHWAVIDYALAYA, DURG, CHHATTISGARH)

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

FOCAL THEME

SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN INDIAN LANGUAGES

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To: All Members of ISSA / Vice-Chancellors / Directors / Principals / Scientists / Faculty Members / Research Scholars and Students

Subject: Invitation to present research papers and participate in the 48th (XLVIII) Indian Social Science Congress, November 19–21, 2026, Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, Chhattisgarh.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Indian Social Science Academy (ISSA), established on August 15, 1974, celebrated fifty years of its existence on August 15, 2024. It has remained at the forefront of promoting, developing and integrating the science of Nature-Human-Society through education and research. Its annual congress remains a landmark event for building a strong indigenous base of science and technology in India. The Indian Social Science Academy in association with Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Bhilai and Indian Institute of Technology, Bhilai shall hold the 48th Indian Social Science Congress between November 19-21, 2026 at **Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg, (Chhattisgarh)**.

Deliberations of the 48th Indian Social Science Congress shall focus on the focal theme, “**Science Education and Research in Indian Languages**”. Seminars and symposia across all States shall carry the theme: “**Our Language, Our Science-Knowledge, Our People and Our State/Country**”. The theme is in consonance with the emphasis of the National Education Policy, 2020 on education and research in Indian languages and on multidisciplinary learning.

Like previous sessions, **28 Subject Research Committees** and **21 Interdisciplinary Thematic Panels** shall appraise and integrate current intra-, inter- and multi-disciplinary research and theory in

Indian universities, colleges, research institutes, national and regional laboratories, IITs, NITs, AIIMS, IISERs, NISERs, and institutes of the CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DBT, ICSSR, ICPR and ICHR. Scientists of all subjects, thinkers, philosophers, policy planners, innovators and social activists are cordially invited to present research-based papers on the focal theme or in any of the following Research Committees and Thematic Panels.

RESEARCH COMMITTEES

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| 1. Agricultural Science Research Committee | 15. Geography Research Committee |
| 2. Anthropology Research Committee | 16. Home Science Research Committee |
| 3. Archaeology, History and Culture Research Committee | 17. International Relations, Defence and Strategic Studies Research Committee |
| 4. Biological or Life Science Research Committee | 18. Juridical Science Research Committee |
| 5. Biotechnology Research Committee | 19. Linguistics Research Committee |
| 6. Chemical Science Research Committee | 20. Management Science Research Committee |
| 7. Commerce Research Committee | 21. Mathematical and Statistical Science Research Committee |
| 8. Communication and Journalism Research Committee | 22. Medical and Health Science Research Committee |
| 9. Computer Science Research Committee | 23. Philosophy Research Committee |
| 10. Earth Science (Oceanic, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences) and Planetary Science Research Committee | 24. Physics Research Committee |
| 11. Ecological and Environmental Science Research Committee | 25. Political Science Research Committee |
| 12. Economics Research Committee | 26. Psychology Research Committee |
| 13. Education Research Committee | 27. Social Work Research Committee |
| 14. Engineering Science and Technology Research Committee | 28. Sociology Research Committee |

INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMATIC PANELS

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| 1. Conflicts, War, Peace and Social Security | 12. Peasants, Livelihoods and Land Use |
| 2. Democracy and Human Rights | 13. Peoples' (Dalits, Tribes, Women, Peasants, etc.) Struggles and Movements for an Equitable Democratic Society |
| 3. Ecological and Environmental Protection Movements | 14. Peoples' Health and Quality of Life |
| 4. Ethics of Science and Society | 15. Political Economy of India |
| 5. Global Warming and Climate Change | 16. Population, Poverty and Migration |
| 6. History and Philosophy of Science | 17. Rural Technology, Social Organisations and Rural Development |
| 7. Information Technology, Mass Media and Culture | 18. Science Communication, Science Popularisation and Scientific Temper |
| 8. Labour in Organised and Unorganised Sectors | 19. Science, Technology and Social Development |
| 9. Nation, States and Emerging Challenges | 20. Social Processes, Social Structures and Social Alienation |
| 10. Natural Resources, Biodiversity and Geographic Information Systems | 21. Unity of Science: Science of Nature-Human-Society |
| 11. Patent Laws and Intellectual Property Rights | |

SPECIAL SYMPOSIA/SEMINARS

1. Science Education and Research for Development of Peoples of Chhattisgarh

A Special Symposium on ‘Science Education and Research for Development of Peoples of Chhattisgarh’ shall be organised during the 48th Indian Social Science Congress. The symposium shall deliberate on how science education, research and innovation can serve the developmental aspirations of the peoples of Chhattisgarh, with particular attention to: science education in Hindi, Chhattisgarhi and tribal languages; education, research and development needs of tribal and rural communities; indigenous knowledge systems; agriculture, forests, biodiversity, water and livelihoods; peoples' health and nutrition; mining, industry, energy and environmental sustainability; digital technology, skills, entrepreneurship and employment of youth; and partnerships among universities, research institutes, government, industry and communities. The symposium shall aim to formulate an evidence-based, inclusive and sustainable research and action agenda for the State. Scholars, policy planners and social activists working on Chhattisgarh are especially invited to contribute papers.

2. National Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, Indian Science and Society
3. Impact of commodification of Education on Education and Research

Themes of other Special Seminars/Symposia/Workshops will be announced shortly on the ISSA website and in the Bulletin.

AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Groups of scientists working on altogether new problems involving new methods and new theories are welcome to propose and organise deliberations under ‘Ad Hoc Group Discussions’ during the 48th Indian Social Science Congress. Proposals may be sent to the General Secretary, Indian Social Science Academy.

XII ALL INDIA YOUNG SCIENTISTS CONVENTION

The Twelfth (XII) All India Young Scientists Convention shall be held during the 48th Indian Social Science Congress. All young scientists, doctoral and post-doctoral researchers and early-career teachers are welcome to participate and put forward their problems cogently. Problems of development and utilisation of the creative and innovative potentialities of young scientists are central to the Convention. Problems of young students and scientists, including increasing suicides on campuses and in coaching centres, and the scientific validity of the National Eligibility Test and other admission and selection tests, too, can be deliberated upon.

INVITATION TO PRESENT RESEARCH PAPERS

All those engaged in research in any subject are cordially invited to submit their papers for presentation at the 48th Indian Social Science Congress. Thinkers, policy planners, innovators and social activists, too, are welcome to submit papers and participate. The abstract of a paper should be **within 500–700 words and the full paper within 7,000–10,000 words**. The abstract should be submitted first to the Indian Social Science Academy; the full paper should be submitted only after receipt of acceptance of the abstract.

PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS

Scientists from Afro-Asian countries in particular, and from other countries in general, are welcome to present their creative and innovative theoretical as well as applied papers at the 48th Indian Social Science Congress.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submission of abstracts of papers	October 15, 2026
Last date for submission of full papers	November 05, 2026
Last date for registration without late fee	November 15, 2026

REGISTRATION, ACCOMMODATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Registration details, registration form, payment details and the payment portal shall shortly be available on the websites of the Indian Social Science Academy (www.issaindia.org) and Hemchand Yadav Vishwavidyalaya, Durg (www.durguniversity.ac.in). IIT, Bhilai, Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Bhilai and Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Free hostel accommodation, food, kits and the volume of Social Science Abstracts will be available to all registered delegates. Those who wish to stay in hotels shall make their own arrangements at their own cost.

Abstracts, papers, membership and registration should be sent to the General Secretary, Indian Social Science Academy. Requests concerning transport and hostel/guest-house accommodation should be addressed to the Local Organising Secretary.

REQUEST FOR WIDE CIRCULATION

We shall be grateful to you for circulating this Announcement in all your departments and faculties and encouraging colleagues, researchers and students to participate in the 48th Indian Social Science Congress. We would also request you to kindly place this announcement on your University/Institute website and notice boards.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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