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Dear Delegates,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the 44th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, to be hosted by Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, from 20th to 22nd December 2025. This prestigious conference will bring together a distinguished gathering of historians, professors, academicians, research scholars, and students from across the region. Their collective expertise will contribute to enriching historical discourse and deepening our understanding of Indian culture and heritage. We look forward to welcoming you to SIHC 2025 at VIT, Vellore, and to an intellectually stimulating and culturally engaging experience.

About Vellore

Vellore, known as the 'city of spears,' is situated on the banks of the Palar River in Tamil Nadu, surrounded by hills and vibrant landscapes. The city has a significant historical legacy, having served as a stronghold for dynasties like the Pallavas, Cholas, Nayakas, Marathas, Arcot Nawabs, and Bijapur Sultans. It played a pivotal role in the Indian freedom struggle, particularly during the 1806 mutiny, and was the site of major battles between the British and French in the 18th century before the British made the fort their military base in 1760. Vellore Fort stands out as an exceptional example of military architecture, housing temples, palaces, a mosque, and a church, symbolizing religious harmony. Notably, the Jalakandeswarar temple inside the fort showcases exquisite Vijayanagar craftsmanship. The city also boasts the Sripuram Golden Temple, adorned with layers of gold, and Amirthi forests, now a wildlife sanctuary known for its biodiversity and seasonal waterfall. Vellore is globally known for the Christian Medical College (CMC), founded in 1900 by Dr. Ida Scudder, which remains one of India's most prestigious healthcare and medical education institutions. The city has also grown into an educational and IT hub, with VIT University leading in technology and research. Katpadi Junction, one of the busiest railway junctions in South India, connects Vellore with major cities, reinforcing its role as a cultural, medical, and educational hub.

About VIT

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was established under Section 3 of the University Grant Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 and was founded in 1984 as a self-financing institution called the Vellore Engineering College. The Union Ministry of Human Resources Development conferred university status on Vellore Engineering College in 2001, in recognition of its excellence in academics, research and extracurricular initiatives. The university is headed by its founder and Dr. G. Viswanathan, a former Parliamentarian and Minister in the Tamil Nadu Government. In recognition of his service to India in offering world-class education, he was conferred an honorary doctorate by the West Virginia University, USA. Currently, VIT has its 5 campuses: Vellore, Chennai, Amravati, Bhopal, and Bangalore. NIRF of the MHRD, Government of India, has ranked VIT 10th best in University, 13th best in Research, 11th best in Engineering, and 19th best in the Overall category in 2024.

VIT has gone for accreditation by NAAC (India), IET (UK), and ABET (USA) and follows world-class academic processes. VIT is one of the top 2 institutions in India and among the top 501-600 universities in the world, as per the Shanghai ARWU Ranking 2024. VIT is in the top 500 of the QS world university ranking by subject 2024, viz, chemical engineering, material sciences, biological sciences, agriculture, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. VIT is also ranked by QS World University Rankings, Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, US News Rankings, Round University Rankings, and others. VIT is the first institute of India to receive a QS 4-star rating in the overall category and a QS 5-star rating in teaching, employability, facilities, innovation and inclusiveness.

About School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL)

Established as a distinct entity in 2009, the School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL) employs innovative teaching methods and adopts interdisciplinary approaches to learning. The school helps students gain knowledge and skills that are required in the global market. It adheres to the highest standards in teaching and learning by employing innovative practices, ensuring excellence in research, and adopting rigorous internal peer and student review.

About Department of Social Sciences

Department of Social Sciences was established in 2009 under School of Social Sciences and Languages, keeping in mind to develop capable global citizens with required knowledge, skill and attitude. The department offers courses on Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, History, Ethics and Values, Political Science, International Relations and Indian Classical Music. The Postgraduate programme on Social Work (MSW) was introduced in 2021 with three specializations - Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, Community Development and Human Resource Management. Department of Social Sciences offers PhD programmes in Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, History and Political science. The Department has 37 faculty members with excellent academic and research background.

How to Reach

The campus is located on a 370-acre site on the Ranipet-Katpadi road, which is 2-hour and 30-minute drive from Chennai and 4 hours from Bangalore by road. Both cities are well connected by road, rail, and air routes to all parts of the country and have international airports. The nearest international airport is Chennai Airport, 135 km away from Vellore. Train and bus services to Vellore are frequent, affordable and convenient. Either of the journeys takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes. From Katpadi railway station, VIT is just 3 km away. All west-bound trains from Chennai and Bangalore go via Katpadi junction railway station to several destinations such as Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Chennai, etc.

If you choose to travel by bus, the buses will bring you right to the centre of the town of Vellore from where you can reach by auto rickshaws to VIT which is about 5 km from the bus stand. Further, VIT transportation facilities will be available from Railway station and Bus stand to the campus based on prior intimation by participants from 19th afternoon to 20th forenoon.

Registration, Payment of Delegate Fee

Delegates with accommodation: Rs. 3540 (Including GST)

Delegates without accommodation: Rs. 2360 (Including GST)

Research Scholars with accommodation: Rs. 1770 (Including GST)

Research Scholars without accommodation: Rs. 1180 (Including GST)

The registration fee shall only be paid online and do not include the membership of SIHC. Payment for registration can be done through the following link-<https://events.vit.ac.in/>. Membership of SIHC is mandatory for participation. Individuals who have not yet become members but wish to participate in the session, are requested to enroll themselves as member and pay the desired fee available on the website www.southindianhistorycongress.org.

Delegates are requested to make the payment before registration through the online link available in the portal and start the registration process with the details of the payment made. To ensure smooth registration and submission of research papers, all delegates are required to register their names and submit their research papers exclusively through the online platform available on our website www.southindianhistorycongress.org before **30th November 2025**. **If the delegate fee is not received by that date, no assurance regarding accommodation and registration kit can be given.**

Submission and Publication of Research Papers

All papers presented at the conference and selected by the SIHC Editorial Committee will be published in the **Conference Proceedings Volume**. Research papers must be neatly typed in Word format, approximately eight pages in length, double-spaced, with endnotes numbered consecutively and placed at the end of the document. The full paper must strictly adhere to the style manual available on the SIHC website. Only papers written in English will be considered for publication in the Proceedings Volume. Each paper must begin with a brief abstract (not exceeding 100 words), a list of keywords. Papers that do not conform to the prescribed style will not be considered for publication. Note that submissions received through the portal on or before the due date will be given priority for presentation. Also note that each member is permitted to present only one paper. All submitted papers will undergo a plagiarism check before final selection by the Editorial Committee.

Enquiries:

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The reception counter at VIT will function from the afternoon of December 19th, 2025 . Our volunteers shall receive the delegates, and Registration will take place at the VIT Campus.	Transportation will be arranged for the delegates from Katpadi railway station to VIT, Vellore Busstand to VIT from the afternoon of December 19th to the forenoon of December 20th .	Delegates and research scholars will be accommodated in hostels and dormitories. Accommodation will be available from the evening of December 19th to the evening of December 22nd .


For other details, please write to sihc@vit.ac.in


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

Wishing you fruitful deliberations and Warm Regards

Dr. Bangalore Morarji

Local Secretary

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