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ARCHIVES AS LIVING MEMORY

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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY, KOLKATA

03-05 FEBRUARY 2027

CALL FOR PAPERS

Presidency University · 86/1, College Street ·
Kolkata – 700073



About the Conference

The Department of Library and the Department of Philosophy of Presidency University plan to organize a three-day international seminar entitled “Archives as Living Memory in the Indian Knowledge Ecosystem” from 3rd–5th February 2027.

This conference aims to facilitate a productive debate involving different stakeholders such as archivists, librarians, scholars, and digital practitioners to critically examine archives as dynamic, interpretative, and participatory entities within the Indian knowledge ecosystem. The discussions will bridge philosophical frameworks with digital innovations, address contemporary debates on decolonisation, explore the potential and risks of AI-driven archival systems, and contribute to long-term policy and capacity-building agendas for India.

Themes

- Philosophical Reflections on Archives
- Dimension of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
- Archives and Museum in Indian Knowledge Tradition
- Digital Innovations, Archival Practice and Public Access

- Decolonisation of Knowledge and Archives
- Digital Humanities and Archives Practices
- Application of AI and ML in Digital Archives
- Indigenous and Folk Knowledge, and IPR

Program Details

Date of Conference: 03-05 February, 2027

Venue: Presidency University, 86/1 College Street, Kolkata - 700073

Target Audience

- Scholars and practitioners from the humanities and social sciences.
- Librarians, archivists, information scientists, technologists, digital humanists, policymakers and practitioners of cultural heritage.
- Students and scholars interested in philosophy, cultural studies, archival studies, memory studies, and digital transformations.

Distinguished Speakers

1. **Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi** — Vice Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi
2. **Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty** — Former Director, IIT Kharagpur
3. **Dr. Jayanta Sengupta** — Ex-Director & Curator Victoria Memorial Hall
4. **Dr. Souvick Ghosh** — University of South Carolina, USA
5. **Prof. Daniel Raveh** — Tel Aviv University, Israel
6. **Dr. Benedetta Zaccarello** — Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France
7. **Prof. Nirmala Menon** — Convenor JPN Centre of Excellence in the Humanities, IIT Indore
8. **Prof. Partha Sarathi Mukhopadhyay** — DLIS, Kalyani University, West Bengal
9. **Dr. Maya Dodd** — Director, Milli Archives Foundation, Flame University, Pune
10. **Prof Anindya Shekhar Purakaystha** — ILSR, Kolkata
11. **Prof. Sabuj K. Chaudhury** — DLIS, University of Calcutta

Registration Details

Early Bird Registration (Before November 15, 2026)

Category	Indian (INR)	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates
Student	1800	2500	\$75
Research Scholar	2000	3000	\$100
Academician/ Professional	2500	4000	\$100

General Registration (From November 15, 2026)

Category	Indian (INR)	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates
Student	2000	3000	\$100
Research Scholar	2500	3500	\$125
Academician/ Professional	3000	4500	\$125

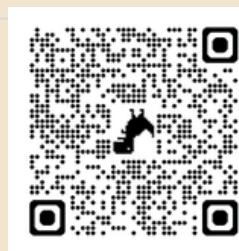
Important Dates to Remember

- **Last Date of Abstract submission: 2nd November, 2026**
- **Email Notification of Accepted Abstracts : 15th November, 2026**
- **Last Date of Full Paper Submission: 15th January, 2027**
- **Last Date of Registration: 31st December, 2026**

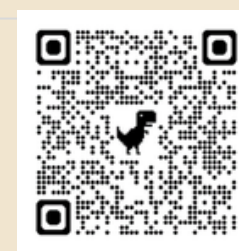
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