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19th World Sanskrit Conference

26-30 June, 2025
Kathmandu, Nepal

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CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

We are pleased to reconfirm that the **World Sanskrit Conference 2025** will take place as scheduled in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. Preparations are progressing very well, and we look forward to welcoming esteemed scholars and participants from around the world to this vibrant academic gathering.

Key Dates:

- **Inaugural Ceremony:** 26 June 2025, 2:30 PM onwards (with dinner)
Venue: Nepal Academy Hall, Kamaladi, Kathmandu
- **Main Sessions:** 27–29 June 2025, 8:30 AM to 07:30 PM (followed by dinner)
Venue: DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur (Kathmandu)

Special sessions (including select panels and invited lectures) will be held from 8:30–10:00 AM at DAV Auditorium and designated rooms, followed by parallel academic sessions from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM (with tea breaks and a longer lunch break) at DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School. Evenings (6:00–7:30 PM) will feature cultural performances, with music, dance, and poetry¹, all followed by communal dinner. A more detailed schedule of the program will be shared closer to the conference.

- **Closing Ceremony:** 30 June 2025, 10:30 AM to 01:00 PM (followed by lunch)
Venue: Nepal Academy Hall, Kamaladi, Kathmandu

For specific inquiries, please contact:

- **Abstracts & Special Panels:** abstract@nepalworldsanskrit.org
- **Registration:** registration@nepalworldsanskrit.org

We kindly urge all remaining participants to complete their registration at the earliest, to ensure the inclusion of their accepted abstracts and to facilitate logistical arrangements.

¹ For the Kavi-Samavāya (कविसम्मवायः), please send your Sanskrit poems to worldsanskrit2024@gmail.com with the subject line "Kavi-Samavāya Submission". A platform will be provided to selected participants, subject to time constraints and the overall schedule.

Special Speakers

	Name	Institution
1	Prof. Diwakar Acharya	Oxford University, UK
2	Prof. K. K. Geethakumary	Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, India
3	Prof. Viroopaksha V. Jaddipal	MSRVVP, Ujjain, India
4	Prof. Prasad Joshi	Deccan College, India
5	Prof. Amba Kulkarni	University of Hyderabad, India
6	Prof. Mukunda Prasad Lamichhane	Nepal Sanskrit University, Nepal
7	Prof. Bill Mak	Needham Research Institute, UK
8	Prof. Luigi Miraglia	Accademia Vivarium Novum, Italy
9	Prof. Sachchidananda Mishra	Indian Council of Philosophical Research, India
10	Prof. Sampadananda Mishra	Rishihood University, India
11	Prof. Rani Sadashiv Murthy	Sri Venkateshwara Vaidik University, India
12	Prof. R.G Muralikrishna	Central Sanskrit University, India
13	Prof. Madhusudan Penna	Osmania University, India
14	Prof. Murali Manohar Pathak	SLBS National Sanskrit University, India
15	Prof. Madhav Prasad Pokhrel	Tribhuvan University, Nepal
16	Prof. Rajaram Shukla	Banaras Hindu University, India
17	Prof. Devananda Shukla	Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, India
18	Prof. Dinesh Chandra Shastri	Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, India
19	Prof. McComas Taylor	Australian National University, Australia
20	Prof. Sthaneswor Timalisina	Stony Brook University, USA
21	Prof. Dipti Tripathi	International Association of Sanskrit Studies
22	Prof. Shivani V.	Karnataka Sanskrit University, India
23	Prof. Mei Yang	Queli Academy, China

NO ADVANCE VISA ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY: PLEASE BOOK YOUR TRAVEL INSTEAD

The Government of Nepal grants **visa on arrival to almost all foreign nationals**, ensuring a smooth entry process.

Only citizens who are **passport holders** of the following **12 countries**—Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Cameroon, Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Syria—as well as **refugees traveling with a travel document**, must obtain a visa in advance from their local Nepali Embassy, Consulate, or Visa Office before traveling. To confirm your visa requirements, please refer to the official Nepal Immigration website: [Visa on Arrival Information](#).

Unless you are a citizen of the aforementioned countries, no prior visa is required. You can simply obtain a visa on arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. The process is straightforward, and detailed instructions can be found here: [Visa on Arrival Process](#).

For most attendees, no advance visa arrangements are necessary. If you do not require a pre-approved visa, we encourage you to proceed with booking your travel at the earliest convenience.

For Indian Nationals:

Indian nationals do not require a visa to enter Nepal. However,

A. if an Indian National is arriving in Nepal from India via air:

Only the following documents are accepted for Indian nationals flying to Nepal:

- A **valid Indian passport**, or
- an **original voter-ID card with photograph** issued by the Election Commission of India.

Note: Digital or printed copies of Voter ID cards are **not accepted**. Other documents such as Aadhaar, PAN card, driving license, or Indian Embassy registration are **not valid** for travel to Nepal.

B. For Entry of Indian-Registered Vehicles into Nepal:

Indian-registered vehicles may enter Nepal temporarily upon payment of customs duty, with a total stay limited to **30 days per calendar year**. Vehicles may visit nearby Nepali towns for **same-day trips without duty**, but must obtain and return a **Day Pass** at the border. For longer stays or travel beyond nearby areas, a **paid permit** is required based on the duration and vehicle type.

Vehicles must exit before the permit expires; overstays must be reported and extended *in advance* through Nepal Customs. Failure to obtain or comply with a valid permit may lead to **seizure and auction** of the vehicle. Always carry and surrender the Pass at exit.

Please refer to www.customs.gov.np for official and updated information.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The conference schedule is currently being prepared. We have almost finished scheduling the presentations of all **registered participants**, ensuring a well-structured and engaging event.

The schedule will be sent to the participants through email. If you encounter any **scheduling conflicts** or require modifications, please reach out to us at the earliest opportunity. While we cannot guarantee all changes, we will make every effort to accommodate reasonable requests.

Meals and Refreshments

Lunch and dinner will be provided to all participants throughout the three main conference days (27–29 June).

On 26 June (Inaugural Ceremony), **only dinner** will be served.

On 30 June (Closing Ceremony), **only lunch** will be provided.

Participants are requested to have **breakfast at their respective accommodations.**

Tea and coffee will be available during scheduled breaks throughout the conference.

Please note that **only vegetarian meals** will be served during the conference.

VENUE INFORMATION

The main conference sessions (27-29 June) will be held at **DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School**, located in the Jawalakhel area of Lalitpur, Kathmandu. This venue is conveniently situated near several key landmarks:

- **Tribhuvan International Airport:** Approximately **9 kilometers** (5.6 miles) away, providing easy access for international attendees.
- **Kathmandu Durbar Square:** Around **5 kilometers** (3.1 miles) from the venue, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its historical and architectural significance.
- **National Archives:** Located about **3.5 kilometers** (2.2 miles) away, the National Archives houses a **rich collection of Sanskrit manuscripts**, many of which remain **unedited**.
- **Thamel:** Approximately **7 kilometers** (4.3 miles) from the venue, Kathmandu's vibrant commercial and tourist hub.
- **Pashupatinath Temple:** Around **8.5 kilometers** (5.3 miles) away, one of the holiest Hindu temples, attracting pilgrims from around the world.

The **Inauguration and Closing Ceremonies (26 and 30 June)** of the conference will be held at the **Nepal Academy Hall**, located at: **Nepal Academy, Kamaladi Road, Kathmandu 44605, Nepal**. The Nepal Academy Hall is a prestigious venue, and we are excited to begin the event in this esteemed setting. The distance from the DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School (the main conference venue) to the Nepal Academy Hall is approximately **5.6 kilometers** (3.5 miles).

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

For local transportation, we recommend using **InDriver** and **Pathao**, two popular, reliable, and affordable ride-hailing services operating in Kathmandu and Lalitpur:

- **InDriver**: This app allows users to **negotiate fares directly with drivers** for both **taxis and bikes**, providing a **flexible and budget-friendly** option. You can set the price you're willing to pay, making it a cost-efficient choice for travelers.
- **Pathao**: Known for its **reliability** and **affordability**, Pathao offers both **bike and car services** throughout the city. The app provides **fixed pricing**, ensuring transparency and eliminating the risk of fare surges. Pathao is perfect for both short and long commutes within Kathmandu and Lalitpur.

Both services offer **affordable fares** and **reliable rides**, and you can track your journey in real-time through their apps, ensuring a smooth and efficient travel experience.

ACCOMMODATION

To maximize convenience during your stay, we recommend booking hotels within **walking distance of the venue**. This will save time and effort, allowing you to focus on the conference and easily access the venue. The vicinity offers several comfortable and accessible lodging options, providing easy access to both the venue and the vibrant surroundings of Lalitpur.

We're pleased to inform you that our website already offers a variety of hotel options to choose from. In our website, there are reliable and reputable hotels, with slightly discounted rates (in comparison to other websites).

The hotel nearest to the venue is **Hotel Taj Vivanta, Jhamsikhel, Lalitpur**: we recommend this hotel for our delegates - it can be booked through our website. The Taj Vivanta will also have a travel-desk for the World Sanskrit Conference delegates, for eventual sight-seeing and tour packages.

However, participants are free to find and choose their accommodation of their own accord.

WE AND THE HIMALAYAS LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN NEPAL!



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