Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)

Indian Anthropology Congress (IAC), 2027

T. C. Sharma Young Anthropologist Award, 2027

Call for applications



About Professor T.C. Sharma (11 April 1929 – 17 November 2011)

Professor T.C. Sharma, a former Professor and Head of the Department of Anthropology at Gauhati University, was a distinguished scholar and a pioneering figure in Archaeological Anthropology in Northeast India. Being a graduate from Gauhati University and a Ph.D. from the Institute of Archaeology, University of London, he played a foundational role in shaping archaeological research in India. Notably, he served as the Co-Project Director of the first scientific excavation in Northeast India, conducted at Daojali Hading in Assam.

Venue: Department of Anthropology, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur

Submission Deadline: **31st December 2026 (11.59 P.M.)**

Eligibility: Scholars currently enrolled in doctoral or postdoctoral programmes in Anthropology, as well as faculty members, scientists, and research associates holding a doctoral degree in Anthropology and working in institutions across India, who are **below 40 years of age**.

Screening: A maximum of ten papers will be shortlisted for presentation. The shortlisted authors will be asked to present their papers in the forthcoming IAC, 2027. The best paper presenter will receive a cash award along with a certificate, while all other selected presenters will be awarded certificates. The selected candidates will also need to register for the IAC, 2027 separately.

Application procedure:

1. Register by clicking this link:
   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9iFkbAvreiOPSFeQc3JfTbzo5AouPYYxdPZxaJoLc27Lonw/viewform?usp=publish-editor
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2. Upload one ID proof, age proof and your recent photograph
3. Complete your registration by paying a fee of Rs. 500/-
4. Send full paper (max 8000 words) & Abstract (300 words) to this email address:

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Important: Please note that registration for the Best Paper Contest is independent of the registration required to attend the Indian Anthropology Congress (IAC). **Participants must register SEPARATELY for the IAC, 2027. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their research during the Congress.**

Paper manuscript format

The first page of the manuscript must include the title of the paper, the author's name, affiliation, complete postal address, email ID, and phone number. The main paper, beginning with the abstract, should start from the next page. The abstract should not exceed 300 words and include 4 to 6 Keywords words at the bottom.

The manuscript should be in MS Word, using Times New Roman font, 12-point size, 1.5 line spacing, and one-inch margins on all sides. The main title should be centred, while subheadings and body text should be aligned to the left.

Structure of the Paper

The manuscript must not exceed 8,000 words, including references and excluding tables and figures. The paper will have an '**Introduction'** outlining the context and background of the study, followed by brief '**Literature review**' indicating research gap(s), clearly stated **research question(s), objectives, and hypotheses** (If applicable). Subsequent sections should include the '**Methodology/Materials and Methods**', '**Results**', and '**Discussion**'. The '**Conclusion**' should summarize the major findings, draw key inferences, and recommendations, if any.

All tables, graphs, and figures must be numbered sequentially, appropriately titled, and placed after the references. Both within-text citations and references should follow the American Psychological Association (APA) format.

Authors are fully responsible for the accuracy of the data, interpretations, observations, and comments presented in their papers. They must provide statements at the end of the text (before the list of references) that the manuscript has been checked for plagiarism and that all ethical standards have been followed. The screening committee may request for supporting documents—such as an ethical clearance certificate or plagiarism report—at any stage of the review process.

For any query, please contact: Member Secretary, INCAA (9831608607)