

Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)



Indian Anthropology Congress (IAC) 2026

T. C. Sharma Best Paper Award

INCAA invites application for T. C. Sharma Best Paper Award at the IAC, 2026

 **Venue:** Department of Anthropology, Pondicherry University, Puducherry

 **Submission Deadline:** 31st December 2025

 A maximum of ten papers will be shortlisted for presentation. The best paper presenter will receive a cash award along with a certificate, while all other selected presenters will be awarded certificates.

•  **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.

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



Professor T.C. Sharma, 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. A graduate of Gauhati University with advanced training from the University of London, he played a foundational role in shaping archaeological research in the region. Notably, he served as the Co-Project Director of the first scientific excavation in Northeast India, conducted at Daojali Hading in Assam.

Application procedure

1. Register by clicking the link or scanning our QR code.
2. Upload ID proof
3. Don't forget to attach your age proof and a photo
4. Upload full paper (max 7000 words) & Abstract (250 words)
5. Complete your registration by paying the Rs 500 fee on Fee: Rs 500



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. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their research during the Congress.

Paper format

- The cover 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 not exceeding 200 words must include 4 to 6 Keywords words at the end.
- The manuscript must be typed neatly in MS Word, using Times New Roman font, 12-point size, 1.5 line spacing, and one-inch margins on both sides. The main title should be centered, while subheadings and body text should be aligned to the left.

Structure of the Paper

- The manuscript should not exceed 7,000 words. The paper will have an introduction outlining the context and background of the study. Followed by clearly stated objectives, research questions and hypotheses (If any) and gaps in the literature review. Subsequent sections should include the methodology, 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 in-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 ensure that the manuscript has been checked for plagiarism and that all ethical standards have been followed. The screening committee may request supporting documents—such as an ethical clearance certificate or plagiarism report—at any stage of the review .