।। २० तमं विश्वसंस्कृतसम्मेलनम् ।।

।। सं गिरं वदामहै ।।

(saṃ giraṃ vadāmahai)

The 20th World Sanskrit Conference (WSC 2027)

(Let us have a fruitful dialogue)

FIRST CIRCULAR

।। प्रथमं परिपत्रम् ।।

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
Mumbai, India

December 10–14, 2027

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We are delighted to announce that the **20th World Sanskrit Conference** will be held at **IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India,** from **December 10 to 14, 2027.**

As the premier international forum for scholars of the Sanskrit language, its vast literary tradition, and the history, religions, and cultures of premodern South Asia, the World Sanskrit Conference returns to India, on a momentous note. This marks the first occasion on which this prestigious triennial event is hosted by an Indian Institute of Technology.

We invite scholars to explore the critical intersection of ancient wisdom, emerging technologies, in the beautiful ambience **of IIT Bombay to map future directions for the discipline.**

WSC 2027 is proudly organized by IIT Bombay. We are thrilled to welcome you to the dynamic and historic city of Mumbai, a vibrant metropolis where ancient traditions and modern innovation converge.

This first circular provides preliminary information, key dates, and an overview of the conference format for the **20th World Sanskrit Conference.**

Organizing Committee Members:

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📍 Venue and Mode of Operation:

WSC 2027 will be held on the main campus of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. The conference will feature **21 regular thematic sections,** as stipulated by the IASS.

For each section, a team of invited convenors—renowned specialists in their fields—will ensure the conference's high scholarly standards by:

    (a) Selecting individual papers for presentation.

    (b) Organizing special featured panels.

    (c) Appointing session chairs.

The convenors will also take the responsibilities for selecting and editing papers for publication in the conference proceedings.

📋 Call for Papers and Panel Submissions:

WSC 2027 will host two types of sessions: individual paper sessions and special featured panels.

• Scholars may submit an abstract for an individual paper or propose a special panel of three or four participants.

• A scholar may submit either a paper individually or be a part of panel and not both.

• Each paper presentation will be allotted 20 minutes, followed by a 10-minute discussion.

• Full papers (only for Section 19) and Abstracts (for other sections) may be submitted either in English or in Sanskrit.

• The submission process will be only through the conference website.

Key Dates and Deadlines:

ACTIVITY	DEADLINE
SPECIAL PANEL proposals	**1st October, 2026**
Acceptance Notification	1st December, 2026
INDIVIDUAL PAPER abstracts	**1st February, 2027**
Acceptance Notification	1st May, 2027
Early Registration Rate Ends	10th July, 2027
Deadline for REGISTRATION (for all presenters)	**10th October, 2027**
20th World Sanskrit Conference	**10-14 December 2027**

Important:

All participants intending to present must complete their registration by **October 10, 2027,** to ensure that their presentation is not cancelled. On-site registration is only for guests and those who are not presenting papers.

Regular Sections:

The 21 principal sections, drawing on the vast scope of Sanskrit studies are:

1. Veda
2. Linguistics
3. Vyākaraṇa
4. Epics
5. Purāṇas
6. Āgama & Tantra
7. Ritual Studies

8. Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics
9. Scientific Literature
10. Buddhist Studies
11. Jaina Studies
12. Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism
13. Religious Studies
14. Philosophy

15. History, Art & Architecture, Epigraphy
16. Sanskrit & Regional Languages
17. Sanskrit Pedagogy
18. Modern Sanskrit Writings
19. Computational Sanskrit & Digital Humanities
20. Manuscriptology
21. Law and Society

- A list of confirmed convenors for each section will be published on the website shortly.

Logistics and Support:

Registration Fees:

The Organizing Committee is committed to making the conference as accessible as possible. The final registration fee structure will be announced soon on our website.

The registration fee will cover conference materials, daily tea/coffee breaks, the inaugural reception, and the conference banquet. Meals (except the banquet), accommodation, and excursions are not included.

Accommodations:

A variety of on-campus accommodation options, from comfortable guest houses to student hostels, have been reserved for participants. All are within walking distance of the conference venues. Detailed information on room types, prices, and the booking process will be provided in the second circular and on the conference website.

Travel & Logistics:

• Visa Requirements: Participants are responsible for securing their Indian visa well in advance through their local Indian Embassy or Consulate.

• Confirmation Letter: Upon acceptance of your paper, the Secretariat will provide a formal letter of invitation to assist with your visa application or funding request.

• Official Visa Information: For official guidance, please consult:

https://indianvisaonline.gov.in.

• Travel Grants: While the Organizing Committee is working to keep costs low, we regret that WSC 2027 cannot offer travel grants. Participants are encouraged to seek travel funding from their home institutions or relevant national and international organizations that provide travel grants.

About our Logo:

This logo for the 20th World Sanskrit Conference (WSC 2027) at IIT Bombay effectively combines traditional and modern elements to convey its theme.

Lotus as the Core: The central image of the glowing lotus is a powerful symbol. In the Indian traditions, the lotus represents purity, knowledge, and spiritual growth, in all dimensions through its beautiful bloom and petal structure. Here, it symbolizes the rich, ancient knowledge of Vedic and Sanskrit traditions.

Roots of Knowledge:

The roots of the lotus are not just typical roots; they are stylized as a circuit board or a network, to indicate that the event is happening in a prestigious technological institute.

Flowering of Modernity:

The lotus blooms into a flower where each petal contains different icons of modern research and technology. You can see symbols for computers, networking, data, and other scientific and technological fields. This shows that the conference is focused on how ancient wisdom can be integrating with the modern world.

Unity and Location:

The circular shape with the text **"20th World Sanskrit Conference (WSC 2027)"** and **"IIT Bombay"** ties all these elements together, clearly stating the purpose and location. The inclusion of the Devanagari script for *"२०तमं विश्वसंस्कृतसम्मेलनम्"* further reinforces the theme of Sanskrit as a global and timeless language.

About our motto:

Our motto *" ॥ सं गिरं वदामहै ॥ "* Let us have a fruitful dialogue." focuses on the most important feature of this conference, namely, *the dialogue*. The exchange of ideas within the scholarly community is, we believe, a key purpose in organising this conference.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT IIT BOMBAY!

For all updates, please check our website regularly: http://hss.iitb.ac.in/wsc2027.

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