



UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA
Department of Pali
in collaboration with
Pandit Dharmadhar Welfare Society, Kolkata

Commemorating the 125th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavir
NATIONAL SEMINAR

Scope of Pali Language and Literature in the Indian Knowledge System

Date & Time : Monday, 27th July 2026 from 12:00 p.m onwards

Venue: The Senate Hall, University of Calcutta

87/1, College Street, Kolkata 700073

CALL FOR PAPER

As a Classical Indian language, Pali is an integral part of India's rich cultural and intellectual legacy. In alignment with modern educational frameworks, integrating Pali into the study of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) offers a powerful pathway to explore ancient teachings and philosophies. This seminar honours the legacy of Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavir, an erudite Pali scholar, former faculty member of the Department of Pali at the University of Calcutta, and recipient of the prestigious President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the field. The primary objective of this seminar is to examine the contemporary relevance of Pali literature and its vital contributions to human development, global peace, and social unity in today's world.

Sub- Themes:

- *Modern Relevance of the Pali Canon*
- *Pali and Buddhist Psychology: Mind and Consciousness*
- *Healing Science in Pali Literature: Medical and Therapeutic Insights*
- *Peace, Compassion and Human Development through Pali Wisdom*
- *A Buddhist Lens on Historical and Archaeological Approaches*
- *Pali and Spread of Theravada Buddhism*
- *Buddhist Pilgrimage and Tourism*
- *Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavir and His approaches to Indian Knowledge System*
- *Pandit Dharmadhar Mahasthavir and works of Contemporary Scholars in Bengal*

Scholars, researchers, and students are cordially invited to participate in the seminar by submitting an abstract of approximately **200 words** on the sub-theme mentioned above by **1st July, 2026**. All relevant documents must be emailed by the specified deadline. Selected papers will be considered for publication in the seminar journal and may also be presented during the seminar sessions. Please note that no TA/DA will be provided for participation or paper presentation.

Last Date for Full Paper submission: 10th July, 2026

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