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**National Seminar on  
New Approaches to Medieval Indian History: Themes and Perspectives  
April 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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**Invitation**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*We are pleased to invite you to participate in the academic deliberations of the two-day National Seminar on “New Approaches To Medieval Indian History: Themes And Perspectives” being organized by the Department of History, during April 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 2013, to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the establishment of the Department of history, Pondicherry University.*

*The Medieval period of Indian History was marked by several important social, political, economic and cultural changes. The advent of the Mughal state in Delhi restructured the political fabric of India leading to the emergence of a number of regional polities.*

**Themes of the seminar**

- 1. Trade, Commerce and Urbanization*
- 2. Statecraft, political institutions and ideology.*
- 3. Regional Kingdoms –Social and economic structure-Chalukya, Chola, Kakatiya, Hoysala, Vijayanagara and regional polities of Post-Vijayanagara era.*
- 4. Bhakti movement, Sufism and religious ideologies*
- 5. Temple as the economic and social institution*
- 6. The Mughal State and Economy*
- 7. Historiography of the medieval period*
- 8. Folk and Popular Culture*
- 9. 18<sup>th</sup> Century debate/Early modern period*

*Keeping in view of your seminal contributions to the study Medieval History of India, we feel privileged to extend a warm invitation seeking your scholarly participation in the seminar. You are requested to present a Research Paper on any of the above themes or any broadly related topic of your interest.*

## Venue

*The Venue of the Seminar is the conference hall in the Convention Center – and – Guest house of the Pondicherry University (opposite to the Pondicherry Engineering College on the East Coast Road) in which the accommodation of the delegates is also arranged between the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 and the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013.*

## Call for Papers

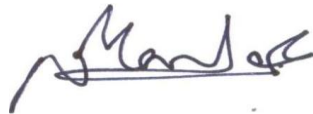
*You are requested to confirm your participation by sending the **Title** and **Abstract** of your paper positively by **25<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013**. Your full paper should reach us well in advance of the seminar (in both hard and soft copy). This is the Silver Jubilee year of the department of History, Pondicherry University and on this pleasant occasion we plan to bring out the publication of the proceedings of this seminar immediately. Your active participation and academic support for the seminar is warmly solicited. The paper presenters shall be paid T.A and D.A as per rules.*



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