



**22nd Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) Meet
&
National Conference
On**

**CHANGING PARADIGMS OF MAN, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY:
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

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**Organized by
Department of Geography,
Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur, Rewari (Haryana)**



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Rewari-The host city

Rewari is one of the famous cities in southern Haryana. It is a place associated with Yaduvanshis, the followers of Lord Krishna. It is said that during the Mahabharata period, a king named Rewat had a daughter named Rewati. The king used to call her Rewa, and founded a city 'RewaWadi' named after her. The king donated the city to his daughter when she got married to 'Balram', the elder brother of Lord Krishna. Over the time, the name Rewa-Wadi became Rewari.

City of Rewari is located at a distance of 82 kms from the National Capital Delhi and 300 kms from Chandigarh, the state capital of Haryana. The city is well connected with all parts of India through railways and national highways. The nearest airport is Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. The temperature during the month of November remains between 14° to 28° C. The Indira Gandhi University is located in the village Meerpur at a distance of 15 kms from Rewari on Ramgarh road.

About the University

The Indira Gandhi University is named after the name of Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, 3rd and only female Prime Minister of India. It was founded on 7 September, 2013 as a State University established under Act No. 29 of 2013. The University is spread over about 100 acres of land in a lush green area and is well laid with state-of-the-art buildings. The university offers 4 UG and 23 PG programmes in various disciplines. It has a total of 14 faculties; 12 of which comprise 24 departments, 8 Chairs and 4 Research Study Centers all of which run more than 50 academic programmes. Besides, the University also offers Ph.D. programmes in various disciplines. The university has more than 80 teachers and 120 non-teaching employees on its rolls. About 2400 students and 130 research scholars are enrolled for study in the university campus. In addition, there are 135 colleges affiliated to Indira Gandhi University. For more details, please visit <https://igu.ac.in/2021/>

About the Department

The Department of Geography is running M.Sc. and Ph.D. programme since 2013. Currently, the department has an intake of 45 students. It has well equipped computer lab, cartography lab and morphometric lab.

Association of Punjab Geographers

The Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) is a national organization, registered under the Societies Act of 1860, No.12 of 1989-99. At present, it has 585 life members from all over India, including a few members from abroad. APG is striving for the promotion of teaching in geography at the level of schools, colleges and universities. It encourages applied research addressing the problems of the society which fall within the scope of geography. To achieve these goals, it has instituted the 'Young Geographer Award', 'Promising Geographer Award' and publishes quality research journal 'Punjab Geographer' indexed in SCOPUS. APG also publishes 'Geographers News Letter' a bi-annual publication for disseminating geographical information and awareness. It also felicitates distinguished geographers in recognition of their specific achievements and services to society.

APG organizes its annual meet in the form of a national/international conference in collaboration with Geography Departments of various Universities/Colleges to deliberate on the issues falling within the ambit of geography. To generate environmental awakening among the children, APG regularly runs programmes such as plantation in schools, arranging special lectures, painting contests, teaching of geography contests, model making, photography contests etc. APG also organizes inter-state Geographical Quiz contests for undergraduate students from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu Province. Association is also planning to organize an inter-university Geographical Quiz contest for post-graduate students of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu Province.

Thrust Area of the Conference

Almost all the developments in the contemporary world are the result of human activities. Not only have there been advancements in demographic and economic aspects, but their impact on the environment can also be seen. While on one side, human population and production have increased after the Industrial Revolution that started in about 1760, on the other hand, environmental pollution has also increased due to the increasing use of coal in industries. After the 1850s, the world began to split into developed and developing/underdeveloped nations and a difference was noticed in the demographic and economic aspects of these two groups. After the 1950s, almost all the countries of the world became independent and they started producing more through agriculture and industries to maintain their sovereignty and meet the requirements of the population. As a result, problems like deforestation, unplanned urbanization and transportation, pollution, emission of greenhouse gases, global warming, sea level rise etc. have started taking a formidable form. Efforts were made to control such problems through the Stockholm Convention 1972, Earth Summit 1992, Kyoto Protocol 1992 and 1997. As a result, programs such as Carbon Credit and the Clean Development Mechanism have been suggested to control the growing environmental problems at the global level. Simultaneously, geospatial technology began to be used to assess spatial and temporal changes in the various aspects of air, water and land. Now, emphasis has been laid on the greater use of renewable energy resources and the adoption of such techniques by which environmental pollution can be controlled. In the recent period, environmental hazards and pandemics like floods, landslides, COVID-19 have challenged development and technology, which is also believed to be a result of rapid population growth and man's greed. Therefore, the time has come to reconsider the issues related to man, the environment and technology.

Sub Themes

✓ **Human Population**

- Pattern and Dynamics of human population
- Gender inequality and discrimination
- COVID-19 Pandemic, Migration and Mitigation strategies
- Globalization, occupational structure and livelihood options
- Urbanization, industrialization, rural and regional development
- Agricultural landscape and uneven economic development
- Agriculture and irrigation in semi arid and arid regions

✓ **Environment**

- Economic change and development vis-à-vis Environment, Climate change and Biodiversity
- Disasters and Hazards: Causes, Consequences and Mitigation mechanism

- Changing land use/land cover and its economic and environmental impacts
- Sustainable development goals and progress achieved in Indian context

✓ Technology

- Cyber geographies and uneven development
- Geospatial technologies in planning, management and sustainable development of resources

Call for papers

Papers are invited for presentation during the conference on each sub-theme and related issues. Participants are requested to fill up the registration form and send the same along with the abstract and the registration fee latest by **September 25, 2022**. Abstracts without the registration fee will not be included in the souvenir. The manuscript of the full paper should be submitted at the specified email given below. Participants are requested to preferably submit only one abstract of the paper.

Abstracts and full papers should be sent at the E-mail ID: iguapg@gmail.com

Publication of Proceedings

The organizers intend to publish the proceedings of the conference just after the conclusion of the conference. Therefore, delegates are requested to submit full paper to the convener by **October 15, 2022**. The paper must be in the format of papers published in 'Punjab Geographer' and prepared by following the guidelines for the authors mentioned in the Journal. Tables and figures must be prepared as per the format of the Journal. Presentation of the paper on the conference does not provide the right for publication. Selection of the paper depends on its quality checked by the editorial team. The papers and posters received for competition awards will also be considered for publication in the proceedings.

Registration

Registration, as mentioned below is compulsory for all the participants.

Participants	Registration Fee(Rs.)	APG Fee (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
Delegates	1000₹	250₹	1250₹
Research Scholars	800₹	250₹	1050₹
Accompanying person	1000₹	-	1000₹

The total registration fee is Rs. 1250₹ (including APG share of Rs. 250₹). The participants are requested to register themselves in advance by online payment of registration fee of Rs. **1000₹** in Saving Account Number **50100046844429** of 'REGISTRAR IGU MEERPUR', **HDFC Bank**, Branch Name: **Rewari-Haryana**, IFSC: **HDFC0000250**, MICR: **123240002**. APG share of 250₹ will be charged at the time of registration against the receipt issued by the APG. Accompanying persons will have to pay Rs. 1000₹ each to the organizers. The senior geographers (Retired) will be considered honorable guests of the university and no registration fee will be charged from them. Non-paid research scholars are exempted

from APG share of registration on the recommendation of the respective Head of the Department. Registration fee includes participant kit, entry to all sessions, both boarding and lodging and participant certificate charges.

Important Dates

15 th September 2022	Deadline for submission of abstract
20 th September 2022	Acceptance of abstract
25 th September, 2022	Deadline for deposit of registration fee and information about accommodation
15 th October, 2022	Deadline for submission of full paper/ poster
4 th -5 th November 2022	Conference dates

Accommodation

It is suggested that the participants should make arrangements for accommodation on their own. However, the delegates coming from more than 100 kms from IGU and in need of accommodation must write/email to the Organizing Secretary along with the registration fee before 25thSeptember 2022 to enable the organizers to make arrangements. Accommodation will be arranged in the nearby guest house/hotels or university hostels. No request for accommodation, on the spot or after September 25, 2022, will be entertained by the organizers. After 25th September 2022, participants will have to arrange for accommodation themselves on their own expense.

Dr. Saminderjit Singh Memorial Young Geographer Award

Original research papers, along with bio-data of the authors who have done Masters' in Geography and have not attained the age of 32 years, are invited from all over India and SAARC countries for the Young Geographer Award competition. A soft copy of the paper prepared according to the guidelines for the authors of 'Punjab Geographer' should be submitted in English to Dr. B.R. Thakur, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, H. P. University, Shimla (E-mail: brthakur53@gmail.com, Mob: 09418065518), with a copy to Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, Association of Punjab Geographers (Email:generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com Mob: 9814928741). The name of the author and department should not be mentioned on the paper, but in the covering letter, to keep secrecy. Evaluation and competition will take place only if there are six participants at least. The paper must accompany proof of age and a certificate about the originality of the paper. The winner will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 3000₹ and the first runner-up with a cash prize of Rs. 2000₹ along with the certificates. The Award money will be adjusted towards Life Membership if the participant is not a member of the APG. The papers received later than September 30, 2022, will not be considered for evaluation. It is mandatory on the part of the participant to submit the certificate of date of birth and Masters' degree in Geography at

the time of submission of the paper to the coordinator. For detailed rules and research paper format, please visit: www.apgorg.org . The competition will take place in a special session of the 22nd APG Meet and National Conference being organized by the Department of Geography, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur-Rewari, Haryana on November 4-5, 2022.

Prof. B. Hema Malini Promising Geographer Award

Under this award, the Poster Presentation Competition is organized on the themes of the conference. Young Geographers, who have done Masters' in Geography and have not attained the age of 28 years, are invited from all over India and SAARC countries for the Promising Geographer Award competition. The aspirants of this award shall submit soft copies of their original posters along with bio-data in English to the Coordinator of this award, Dr. Vishwa B.S. Chandel, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, (E-mail: vishwa.geoinvader@gmail.com. Mob: +91-9872833637), with a copy to Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, Association of Punjab Geographers (E-mail: generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com Mob: 9814928741). The winner will be awarded with a cash award of Rs. 3000₹, the first runner-up Rs. 2000₹ and the second runner-up Rs. 1000₹ respectively, along with certificates. The Award money will be adjusted towards Life Membership if the participant is not a member of the APG. The posters received later than October 20, 2022, will not be considered for evaluation. It is mandatory on the part of the participant to submit the certificate of date of birth and Masters' degree in Geography at the time of submission of the poster to the coordinator. For detailed rules and guidelines, please visit www.apgorg.org. The competitors will have to display their posters on the space provided for it on 22nd APG Meet and National Conference being organized by the Department of Geography, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur-Rewari, Haryana on November 4-5, 2022.

APG Meeting

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Punjab Geographers and the Editorial Board of 'Punjab Geographer' will take place in the Department of Geography, Indira Gandhi University, Meerpur-Rewari, Haryana on November 4, 2022, at 6 pm. The agenda of the meeting will be circulated by the General Secretary well in advance. General Body meeting will also take place just after the Valedictory Session of the Conference on November 5, 2022, to apprise and discuss with the members the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on November 4, 2022. All the members are requested to attend the meetings.

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/ayHbCUMQsH6AoHmU6>