

ASSOCIATION OF PUNJAB GEOGRAPHERS

Guidelines for Prof. B. Hema Malini Promising Geographer Award

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ABOUT THE AWARD

This award has been instituted by Professor Bandaru Hema Malini, Department of Geography Andhra University, Visakhapatnam for the promotion of Geography among young researchers and students. The main objective of this award is to develop analytical and creative skills among young geographers. This kind of exercise aims at enabling young geographers to equip them better in presentation of their ideas in a very precise and concise way. With this idea in mind, the *Association of Punjab Geographers* intends to initiate this award in the form of a competition on Poster Presentation every year at the time of annual conference of APG. The same shall be notified in the brochure of the conference.

DETAIL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility Conditions:

- The participants must have passed M.A./M.Sc. in Geography
- The participants must not have attained the age of 28 years at the time of competition.

Important Information:

- **Poster Submission:** The aspirants of this award shall submit soft copies of their original posters along with bio-data in English to Coordinator of this award. To maintain secrecy, the participant's name and department should be mentioned in the covering letter and not on the Posters. Each participant must submit a signed certificate of originality of work and proof of age (see annexure 1) along with soft copy of poster to the coordinator.
- For preparing the posters, the participants must consider the following:
 - a. A poster is a graphical presentation approach to convey the ideas for generating active discussion on a specific research theme. Generally, text is limited to about one-fourth of the poster space and greater focus is given on use of visuals, i.e. graphs, photographs, schematics, maps, etc.
 - b. The poster board size at the conference will be of 90 cm (36 inch) in length and 75 cm (30 inch) in width. The dimensions of the posters should not exceed 90 cm. The poster must be oriented in the "landscape" position.
 - c. The posters must depict clearly the concept to make it easy and understandable for viewers. The poster should generally be readable from left to right, and top to bottom. Numbering the sub-parts and connection between them should be clearly shown.

PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION:

Stage-1: Short-listing: After receiving the soft-copies of posters, the short-listing shall be done by the coordinator as under:

Guidelines for Coordinator:

	Evaluation Criteria	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
1	Title suitability w.r.t. the theme of poster presentation	2	
2	Visual quality of the material presented	3	
3	Content quality of the material presented	5	
TOTAL MARKS		10	

- A maximum of 12 best posters will be short-listed through the above procedure for poster competition in the conference and one among them would be finally selected for **Prof. B. Hema Malini Promising Geographer Award**. (If the participants are less than 4, the competition shall not take place; if the participants are up to 8, first runner up will be selected and if the participants are more than 8, second runner up will also be selected.

Stage-2: Evaluation of Presentation by the Judges: Poster presentations will take place in the APG Annual Meet. Selected aspirants shall display the **hard copy** of their Posters on the space provided for it at the venue of the APG Annual Meet.

An expert panel of **three geographers** will be constituted to evaluate the posters. The participants shall explain their ideas and information presented in the poster to the panel of judges. Judges may ask questions regarding the poster and participants are expected to respond to any such query. The score will be given by each member individually. Each judge of the panel shall score the poster on following basis:

Guidelines for the Judges for evaluation of Posters:

	Evaluation Criteria	Marks Allotted	Marks Obtained
1	Title suitability w.r.t. the theme of poster presentation	5	
2	Visual/Content quality of the material presented	5	
3	Conceptual/Methodological/technical clarity	5	
4	Presentation skills of the participant	7	
5	Response to queries by participants	8	
TOTAL MARKS		30	

Result Sheet (Stage 2)

Participant	Marks Allotted by Judges (Out of 30 each)			Total Marks (90)	Average Marks (30)
	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3		
A					
B					
C					
...					

Signature of the Judges:

Judge- 1----- Judge- 2----- Judge- 3-----

Signature:

Coordinator----- Co-coordinator:-----

AWARD REMUNERATION

One amongst the participants would finally be selected for Promising Geographer Award.

- a. The winner will be awarded with a cash award of Rs. 3000/-
- b. The first runner-up will get Rs. 2000/- and
- c. The second runner-up will get Rs. 1000/-.

All the awardees will also be presented mementos and certificates of merit on the Valedictory Session of the conference. Other participants will also get certificate of participation.

Note: If an awardee is not a member of APG, the amount awarded shall be adjusted towards the membership of APG.

Annexure- 1

(It is mandatory on the part of the participant to furnish the following certificate at the time of submission of the poster to the coordinator.).

CERTIFICATE

Name of Participant:

Date of Birth (*Attach proof of date of birth*):

Address:

E-mail:

Contact Number (Mobile):

M.A/M.Sc. Geography (*Attach photocopy of degree/Mark sheet*)

This is to certify that the poster entitled, “.....” submitted by Ms/Mr. for Prof. B. Hema Malini Promising Geographer Award is an original work of mine and has not been partly or fully submitted/published elsewhere.

I, further certify that the material presented has not been copied from any published work by any other individual/institution without their knowledge. My poster may be rejected at any stage if it is found that it is not an original piece of work.

(Signature of the Participant)