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DYAL SINGH COLLEGE, KARNAL (HARYANA)

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Association of Punjab Geographers

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About the 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 592 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 Newsletter' a bi-annual publication for disseminating geographical information and awareness. It also felicitates distinguished geographers in recognition of their specific achievements and services to the 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 Geography Quiz Contest for undergraduate and postgraduate students from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu province.

About the City

Welcome to Karnal, a city of agricultural splendor and cultural richness nestled in the heart of Haryana, India. The city is a dynamic blend of tradition and modernity. Karnal is a thriving education hub, home to prestigious research institutes like the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI) and Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes (CIRB) etc. This abundance of educational resources further enriches the city's intellectual landscape, providing a conducive environment for learning and research. In February, Karnal enjoys a delightful climate, with temperatures ranging from around 10°C to 22°C. The days are pleasantly sunny, and the nights are crisp and cool, making it an ideal time for outdoor activities and exploration. As you immerse yourself in the city's bustling markets, indulge in delectable local cuisine, and interact with the warm and hospitable residents, you'll experience Karnal's unique charm, where tradition meets progress. Karnal boasts excellent air connectivity, thanks to its proximity to

Chandigarh, the capital city of Haryana and Delhi, the National Capital. Nestled just 125 kilometers from Chandigarh and Delhi, Karnal is a city that promises seamless connectivity. With its strategic location on the Grand Trunk Road, Karnal ensures easy access from every corner of the country. The city's well-efficient rail transport system adds another layer of convenience, making your journey comfortable and hassle-free. We invite our esteemed delegates to enjoy the National Conference amidst Karnal's soothing February climate, leaving you with unforgettable memories of this vibrant city.

About the College

Dyal Singh College, Karnal, the only NAAC accredited Grade A+ and ISO 140001 & 9001 certified College in the city, is celebrating its 75th glorious year of excellence in education marking a remarkable milestone with pride and achievement. From its humble beginnings to becoming a beacon of knowledge and empowerment, the college has come a long way, shaping countless lives and leaving an indelible mark on the educational landscape of Karnal city. Founded in 1910 at Lahore in Pakistan, the college was reestablished at Karnal in 1949 after partition of India. Dyal Singh College is embarking on a mission to provide quality education and holistic development opportunities to the youth of Karnal and its neighboring regions. Over the past seven and a half decades, this premier co-educational centre of learning has stood tall as a symbol of academic brilliance, fostering a nurturing environment where students are encouraged to explore, learn, and grow. The college has all the three streams of learning-Arts, Science and Commerce, with Master Courses in English, Hindi, Political Science, Chemistry and Commerce, 5-year Integrated Course M. Sc Forensic Science along with the add-on and vocational courses.

Thrust Area of the Conference

The two-day National Conference on "Environment and Resource Management for Sustainable Future" is aimed to serve as a comprehensive platform for knowledge sharing, fostering awareness, and encouraging collaborative efforts in the realm of environmental sustainability and resource management. The conference is designed to bring together researchers, scholars, and experts from various fields, providing them with an opportunity to disseminate their research findings and insights related to pressing environmental issues. One of the primary objectives is to raise awareness about critical challenges such as climate change, pollution, and resource depletion, both among the general public and decision-makers. Through networking opportunities, the conference will facilitate valuable interactions, allowing professionals and researchers to forge collaborations, share innovative ideas, and establish meaningful academic and professional relationships.

Furthermore, the event is aimed to contribute to policy development by hosting discussions and proposing strategies for sustainable environmental management and resource conservation. Emphasizing an interdisciplinary approach, the conference will encourage dialogue between professionals from diverse fields, promoting a holistic understanding of complex environmental issues. Technical sessions will be organized to identify practical solutions, inspiring attendees to take proactive measures in their respective spheres towards environmental conservation and sustainable resource management. Overall, the conference will serve as a source of inspiration, encouraging positive actions and initiatives that may contribute to building a more sustainable future for all.

Focal Theme of the Conference

Environment and Resource Management for Sustainable Future

The sub-themes

- Geospatial technology in Resource Management and Planning
- Sustainable Management of Mountains and Coastal Resources
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Biodiversity and Sustainable Environment
- Developing Resilience towards Climate Change
- Tourism and Livelihood
- Population and Urbanization-Emerging Trends

- Gender Issues and Challenges
- Blending Traditional and Modern Techniques for Sustainable Agriculture
- Decentralization and People's Participation for Inclusive Development

Call for Abstracts/ Papers

Researchers are cordially invited to submit their abstracts for presentation during the conference on any sub-theme and related issues. The abstract must be written in MS Word document (A4 size), Arial, 12 font size, and 1.15 line spacing without inserting any special symbol, formula, diagram, table, or reference. The abstract should clearly indicate the research problem, methodology, and the key findings of the work within 400 words. A sample template of the abstract can be downloaded from the given link: https://bit.ly/3FfNBlN.

Files sent through email or by any other means will not be considered. To prevent multiple submissions of the same abstract, only the corresponding author should submit one. If an abstract is contributed by more than one author and the non-presenting author also registers for the conference, he/ she will be automatically mapped to the abstracts co-authored. All abstracts will be reviewed by the organizing committee and may be sent back for revision if required. If a revision is necessary, the revised abstract must be sent back within a week. Participants are requested to fill up the registration form and send the same along with the abstract and the registration fee latest by January 15, 2024 using the given link for the registration: https://forms.gle/Hzj7jnGSMSYw9QGJA. Abstracts submitted without the registration fee and after last date (January 15, 2024) will not be included in the conference souvenir. A person attending the conference without an abstract can directly proceed with registration & payment. The persons' status will be of attendee only. If you face any problem in abstract submission, feel free to send your query and abstract on the mail: apgconference2024@gmail.com.

Registration Fees

Payable Amount (INR)

Category	Host Fee	APG Fee	Total** (without late Fee)	Total (with late Fee)
General Delegates/ Local Participants*	1000/-	300/-	1300/-	1500/-
Research Scholars	700/-	300/-	1000/-	1200/-
Accompanying Persons	1000/-	-	1000/-	1200/-
Students	500/-	-	500/-	500/-
Senior Delegates (Above 65 Age)	-	-	-	-

*Accommodation will not be provided to the local participant

**Last date of submitting registration fee is January 15, 2024.

The participants can get themselves registered online by paying registration fee (all inclusive) in A/C No. 55002451840; Name of Account Holder 'Dyal Singh College Trust Society'; Name of the Bank: State Bank of India; Branch Name: Dyal Singh College Branch, Karnal-Haryana; Branch Code: 50637 and IFSC Code: SBIN0050637. The receipts of registration fee (Host + APG share) will be issued at the time of registration. Non-Paid research scholars & UG/PG Students are exempted from APG share of registration on the recommendation of respective head of the department. Senior Delegates (Above 65 Age) will be the honorable guests of the college and no fee will be charged from them. Registration fee includes participant kit, entry to all sessions, both boarding and lodging and participation certificate charges. Late fee of Rs. 200/- is applicable after January 15, 2024. Spot registration is also available on February 09, 2024, only to attend the conference. There is no provision for refunding the registration fees.

Accommodation

The delegates in need of accommodation must write/ email to the convener along with the proof of registration fee before January 25, 2024 to enable the organizers to make arrangements. Accommodation will be provided on sharing basis. On the spot request for accommodation may create inconvenience both for the participants and organizers. Hence, no request for accommodation, on the spot or after January 25, 2024, will be entertained by the organizers. After January 25, 2024, participants will have to arrange for accommodation themselves at their own expense.

Important Dates

January 15, 2024	:	Deadline for submission of abstract and deposit of registration fee without delay. Thereafter, late fee will be charged and the abstract will not be included in the souvenir.
January 15, 2024	:	Deadline for submission of paper for the Young Geographer Award competition and poster for the Promising Geographer Award competition.
January 20, 2024	:	Acceptance of Abstract
January 25, 2024	:	Deadline for information regarding accommodation
February 9-10, 2024	:	Conference dates

Publication of Proceedings

The organizers intend to publish the proceedings just after the conclusion of the conference. Therefore, delegates are requested to submit full paper to the convener by February 15, 2024. The manuscript, tables and figures must be in the format as prescribed for 'Punjab Geographer' journal using the guidelines for the authors mentioned in the Journal, which can be downloaded by scanning this QR code. Presentation of the paper on the conference does not provide the right for publication. Selection of the paper depends on its quality check by the editorial team. The papers and posters received for award competition will also be considered for publication in the proceedings.

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. Inder Jeet Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu** (E-mail: indergeog.ju@gmail.com, Mob: 9906007392), 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 at least six participants. The paper must accompany a proof of age and a certificate about the originality of the paper. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- and first runner up with a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- along with 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 January 15, 2024 will not be considered for evaluation. It is mandatory on the part of the participants 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 23rd APG Meet and National Conference being organized by Dyal Singh College, Karnal, Haryana on February 9-10, 2024.

Prof. B. Hema Malini Promising Geographer Award

Under this award, 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 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 January 15, 2024 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 23rd APG Meet and National Conference being organized by Dyal Singh College, Karnal, Haryana on February 9-10, 2024.

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 Library, Dyal Singh College, Karnal, Haryana on February 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm. All the members are requested to attend the meeting. 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 February 10, 2024, to apprise and discuss with the members the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on February 9, 2024. All the members of APG are requested to attend the meetings.

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