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### **16<sup>TH</sup> APG MEET and NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

As a part and parcel of APG, Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu has taken an initiative to organize 16<sup>TH</sup> APG MEET and NATIONAL CONFERENCE on September 28-29, 2015. Established in 1988, the Department of Geography has made great strides in both teaching and research. Beginning with a faculty of three, headed by Professor S.S.Chib, the strength has grown to seven at present. The department has completed 6 research projects, while three projects are going on at present. The active involvement of faculty members in research is reflected in the publication of 57 research papers in the last 5 years. In addition, the department has produced over 30 doctoral scholars since its inception and around 50 students have qualified NET/JRF in the last 5 years.

The department has organized 7 Conferences and Workshops in the past and will have the honour to organize 2<sup>nd</sup> time the Annual Conference of National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) in December 2015.

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### **MAIN THEME**

**“Changing Mountain Environment,  
Resource Utilization and Sustainable Livelihood”**

### **SUB-THEMES**

- Biodiversity, issues and challenges
- Tourism and sustainability
- Water resource management
- Agriculture and rural development
- Population and urbanization
- Climate change and environment
- Natural hazards and disasters
- Geo spatial Technology in resource management and planning.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Papers are invited for presentation during the Conference on each sub-theme. The participants are requested to send the abstract (not more than 300 words) to Dr. Sarfaraz Asgher, Organizing Secretary, 16th APG Meet and National Conference, University of Jammu, Jammu. E-mail [apgju2015@gmail.com](mailto:apgju2015@gmail.com) by August 15, 2015. The participants may submit their abstract on A4 size paper clearly typed in double space using Times New Roman font. A hard and a soft copy of the full papers should reach to the Convener not later than 15th September, 2015.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

Submission of Abstract- 15th August, 2015

Intimation of Acceptance -20th August, 2015

Submission of full length paper-15th September, 2015

## Registration

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

Participants	Registration Fee(Rs)	APG Fee (Rs)	Total (Rs)
Delegates	1000	200	1200
Research Scholars	800	200	1000
Accompanying person	800	-	800

### For details contact Organizing Secretary

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### New Arrival

“Managing Our Resources: Perspectives and Planning” (Ed.) by Prof. D.D. Sharma and Dr. B.R. Thakur, Department of Geography, HPU, Shimla. Published by Bharti Publications, New Delhi, The book was released by Prof. Kuldeep Agnihotri, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Central University, Dharmshala (H.P.)

### Dr. Saminderjeet Singh Young Geographer Award

Three copies of original research paper along with bio-data of the author who has not attained the age of 35 years are invited for the Young Geographer Award. The paper should be submitted in English to **Mr. Inderjeet Singh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu, e-mail: indergeogju@gmail.com Mob. No. 09906007392, 09876655574 by August 10, 2015. The name of the author and department should be mentioned in the covering letter and not on the paper to keep secrecy.

An expert committee of three geographers will be constituted to evaluate and short list three to five best papers. These papers will be presented in a special session of the conference and one among them would be finally selected for Dr. Saminderjeet Singh Young Geographer

Award. The winner will be honored with a cash prize of Rs.5000/-, a memento and a certificate of Merit. The paper will be published in the journal if recommended by the referees.

### State Level Geographical Quiz Contest-2015

Maintaining its rich tradition of organizing the geographical activities in an exemplary way, the P.G. Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana again successfully organized State level Geographical Quiz Contest (2015), in coordination with Association of Punjab Geographers on 14th Feb. 2015. A written test was conducted to shortlist 5 teams among 14 reported for this gala event from all the corners of the state. A team from Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib won first prize, whereas the teams from GCG, Ludhiana and Khalsa College for Girls, Ludhiana bagged the second and third prizes respectively. Principal of the college, Dr. Dharam Singh congratulated the winners and gave away the prizes. Prof. Harbans Singh, Head of Geography Department presented vote of thanks.

### Call for Research Papers for Publication

Papers based on original research in the discipline of Geography and allied subjects are invited for publication in 'Punjab Geographer', a peer reviewed and referred journal of the Association of Punjab Geographers. Book reviews, geographical notes, articles and abstracts of doctoral dissertation and research projects sponsored by UGC, ICSSR or any other organization are also invited for publication. Authors can contact Dr. H.S. Mangat, Editor Punjab Geographer at

E-Mail: hsmangat@rackeys.com, Phone-084279-47650.

### CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

Association of Punjab Geographers deeply mourns the sad demise of Dr. R.L. Sharma, formerly Professor, Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra who left us for his heavenly abode on May 22, 2015. By his departure the fraternity of geographers has lost a dedicated teacher and scholar in geography. Association of Punjab Geographers has also lost its well-wisher working for the cause of Geography even after his retirement. The APG sends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prays to the God for peace of departed Soul and to provide strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

### News from the Departments/ Colleges

#### Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh

The department celebrated 1st April as Founders Day to commemorate the birthday of late Prof.G.S. Gosal under the aegis of Association of Population Geographers of India(APGI). Professor Indu Banga (Emeritus Professor), Department of History delivered a lecture on this occasion.

**The Department of Geography, H.P.University Shimla** has been assigned the responsibility to organize a three week Inter-disciplinary Refresher Course for university and college teachers in “Environmental Science” by Human Resource Development Centre, H.P.University, Shimla. The course will commence from third week of September, 2015. Interested can approach Dr. B.R. Thakur, Coordinator Refresher Course E- Mail: brthakur53@gmail.com Ph: 09418065518

Dr. B.S. Marh, Professor Department of Geography, HPU Shimla, retired from the service on June 30, 2015. In order to commemorate the occasion of his retirement, the Department convened a one day State Level Seminar on “Geoinformatics- The Most Effective Solutions” on the day of his retirement and bid farewell.

#### Department of Civil Engineering, Chitkara University, Solan, HP.

Department of Civil Engineering, Chitkara University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh is organizing 21days Summer School on Geospatial Technologies, Training on Remote Sensing and GIS from 21 July to 10 August, 2015, sponsored by NRDMS, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, New Delhi. Interested candidates can contact Dr. C. Prakasam, Coordinator, Department of Civil Engineering, E-Mail Id : c.prakasam@chitkarauniversity.edu.in, Website: www.chitkarauniversity.edu.in

#### Department of Geography AMU, Aligarh

Department of Geography AMU, Aligarh is organizing Summer School on 'Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Natural Recourse Management' sponsored by NRDMS, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi, from 24-7-15 to 14-8-15. Interested candidates can send their application to the coordinator latest by July 10, 2015. For details visit at: <http://www.amu.ac.in/newevent/event>.

### Conferences/Seminars

#### 37th Indian Geography Congress

Department of Geography, University of Jammu is organizing 37th Indian Geography Congress 2015 on December 2-4, 2015. Interested geographers can contact Organizing Secretary  
E-Mail: anujammu2012@gmail.com. Ph.09419156872.

#### 37th IIG Meet and International Conference

Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra is organizing 37th IIG Meet and International Conference on Feb. 11-13, 2016. The broader theme of the conference is “Land Resource Policies, Agriculture and Expanding Urban-Industrial Spaces”. Interested can contact Dr. M.S. Jaglan, Professor and Head Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, E Mail: msjaglan@kuk.ac.in Ph. 09416275401

## 28th IGI MEET and National Seminar

Department of Geography North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya is conducting 28th annual meet of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologies (IGI) and National Seminar on "Human Impact on Landscapes" on 29-31 October, 2015. For details contact Prof. Sunil Kumar De, Organizing Secretary, E-Mail: 28thigi@gmail.com, Website:www.nehu

## News about the Members

**Dr. D.D. Sharma**, Professor Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla Coordinated a Special Summer School conducted by the Academic Staff College, H.P. University Shimla, on 'Disaster Management' during 18th May to 6th June, 2015. The course was attended by 44 university and college teachers from 12 states of India.

**Professor D.D.Sharma**, Chairman, Department of Geography, HPU, Shimla and President, APG, has been awarded Global Scholarship by Bath Spa University, UK for 2015-16 i.e. second phase of International exchange to visit Perth II Conference at Scotland and subsequent visit to Bath Spa University in October, 2015.

**Dr. Dhian Kaur**, Professor Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, was invited by Global Development Institute at University of Fraser Valley (UFV) Abbotsford, BC, Canada for participation in the Sustainable Food System Symposium.

**APG Meeting :** A joint meeting of the executive committee of the Association of Punjab Geographers and Editorial Board of 'Punjab Geographer' will take place in the Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu on September 28, 2015 at 6 pm. All the members are requested to attend the meeting. Agenda of the meeting will be circulated by the General Secretary well in advance.

## Geographical Information

- Mangala, Bhagaya and Aishwarya (MBA) are oilfields in Barmer district of Rajasthan.
- Mangala is India's largest onshore oilfield where production started in 2009.
- We are only four countries away from Italy- Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Greece.
- Lahore (423 km) and Kabul (1006 km) are near to Delhi than Lucknow (471 km) and Mumbai(1396 km) respectively.
- Nicobar is close to Kualalampur (977 km) than any point on mainland of India.
- India legally shares 106 km of border with Afghanistan.

### Appeal

Members are requested to send information personal and departmental for publication in the Newsletter to Dr. Seet Singh, E-Mail: seetsingh@gmail.com or Dr. Jaspal Singh, E-Mail: geogjaspal@gmail.com

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