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### 21st APG Meet and National/International Conference

21st APG Meet and National/International Conference is to be held at Baba Farid College, a constituent college of Baba Farid Institute of Higher and Foreign Studies, Deon, Bathinda, Punjab on:

#### Development, Sustainability and Geography: Building Synergies

##### Sub-themes:

- Amelioration of Poverty and Hunger
- Quality Education and Economic Growth
- Gender and regional equalities
- Health, Well-being and Water & Sanitation
- Clean and Affordable Energy
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Equality, Equity and Development
- Climate Action and Disaster Management
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Agricultural Sustainability and Rural Development
- Human Actions and Terrestrial and Marine life
- Geo-informatics and Sustainable Development

**Note:** The Conference to be organized in October, 2020 has been **postponed** till further order taking into account the problem of Covid-19.

### Punjab State Level Geographical Quiz Contest, 2020

#### Ludhiana Zone

Govt. College for Girls, Ludhiana, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers, hosted Zonal Geographical Quiz on 12th Feb. 2020. Five teams from the zone: S.C.D. Govt College Ludhiana, Government College for Girls, Ludhiana, KCW Civil Lines Ludhiana, KCW Sidhwan Khurd and Government College Karamsar, Rara Sahib, Ludhiana took part in the competition. **GCG Ludhiana** emerged as winner of the quiz. While, **SCD Govt. College** stood second and **KCW Civil Lines, Ludhiana** was placed at third position in this competition.

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Winners of Ludhiana Zone

#### Jalandhar Zone

Geographical Society of Doaba College Jalandhar, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) organised Geographical Quiz Contest of Jalandhar Zone on 15 Feb. 2020. A total of eight teams from different colleges participated. Apart from different local colleges, the teams from, S.B.S Nagar (Nawanshahar), Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur participated in the event along with their teacher In-charges. A

preliminary written test was conducted to select the top five teams for final Quiz Contest. Lyallpur Khalsa College for Women, Jalandhar, Doaba College Jalandhar, D.A.V College Jalandhar, Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar and R.K Arya College Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar qualified for final Contest. **Doaba College, Jalandhar** team stood first, while R.K Arya College S.B.S Nagar (Nawanshahar) team stood second and D.A.V College, Jalandhar team stood third. Prof. Rupinder Singh Kular (HOD English), officiating Principal was the chief guest, who also distributed prizes to the winning teams. Many staff members of the college also graced the occasion.



**Winning Team of Jalandhar Zone**

### Mohali Zone

Department of Geography, Govt. College Ropar, in collaboration with APG, organized geographical quiz contest for the Mohali Zone on 18 Feb. 2020. Five teams from Govt. College, Ropar, Govt. College Dera Basi, Govt. College Mohali, Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Anandpur Sahib participated. The team of **Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib** stood first, the team of Govt. College Ropar stood second and team of Govt. College Mohali was placed at third position.



**Mohali Zone Winning Team**

### Patiala Zone

P.G. Deptt. of Geography, Khalsa College, Patiala, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers, hosted Quiz for colleges of Patiala Zone on 20 Feb. 2020. Nine colleges from the zone namely: Govt. Mohindra College, Patiala, Govt. College, for Girls, Patiala, M.M. Modi College, Patiala, Khalsa College, Patiala, Govt. Ripudaman College, Nabha, Govt. Ranbir College, Sangrur, SUS Memorial Govt. College, Sunam, Govt. Kirti College, Nial Patran and Public College, Samana participated in the competition. Team of **Khalsa College Patiala** was declared winner, second position went to MM Modi College, Patiala and Govt. Ripudaman College, Nabha was placed at third position.



**Winners of Patiala Zone**

### Bathinda Zone

P.G. Department of Geography, Baba Farid College, Deon, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers, conducted geographical quiz contest for Bathinda Zone on 28th Feb. 2020. Teams from seven colleges of the zone like Guru Kashi College Talwandi Sabo; Govt. Rajindera College Bathinda; Govt. Brijindra College Faridkot; Baba Farid College, Deon; SBS Govt. College, Kotkapura; Govt. College, Sardargarh and M.R. Govt College, Fazilka participated in this quiz. **Guru Kashi College, Talwandi Sabo** got first position, Govt. Rajindra College, Bathinda stood second and Govt. Brijindra College, Faridkot got third position in the zone.



**Winners of Bathinda Zone**



### Punjab State Level Geographical Quiz Contest, 2020

Department of Geography, SCD Government College Ludhiana, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers, organized the State Level Geographical Quiz Contest on 13th March 2020. Total five teams from Government College for Women Ludhiana, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College Sri Anandpur Sahib, Doaba College Jalandhar, Guru Kashi College Talwandi Sabo and Khalsa College Patiala participated in this quiz competition. **Government College for Women, Ludhiana** hold 1st position, **Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College Sri Anandpur Sahib** hold 2nd position and **Doaba College Jalandhar** hold 3rd position. Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu, President APG and Principal of the host college welcomed all these teams and blessed the winners.



Winning teams of Punjab State

### Haryana State Level Geographical Quiz Contest, 2020

Department of Geography CRM Jat College, Hisar, in collaboration with Association of Punjab Geographers (APG), organized State Level Inter-College Geographical Quiz Contest on 4th March 2020. An invitation letter along with details of Quiz contest was forwarded to the Principals of different colleges of Haryana. Eighteen colleges (a team of three students) participated in the quiz contest. A written test was conducted for short listing the teams. Finally, eight teams were selected / screened i.e. i) Govt. College Hisar; ii) Govt. College, Hansi; iii) Govt. College, Narnaud; iv) Govt. College, Jind; v) Janta College, Charkhi Dadri; vi) GCW Tosham; iv) GCW, Hisar and Govt. College, Nalwa. These teams participated in the quiz with full enthusiasm in eight rounds of questions on varied geographical areas. The team of **Govt. College, Hisar** got first position, while Govt. College, Hansi got second position.



Haryana State Winning team

### Inter-state Geographical Quiz Contest, 2020

Association of Punjab Geographers in collaboration with Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research (ISPER), fixed the Inter-state Geographical Quiz Contest on 21st March, 2020 at the Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research (ISPER), C-1, Amravati Enclave, Panchkula, Haryana. However, due to Lock Down associated with the problem of Covid-19, the competition could not take place.

### Condolence Resolution

The Association of Punjab Geographers deeply mourns the demise of **Dr. Jasbir Singh**, formerly, Professor, Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. This is an irreparable loss to the family as well as geographers. With his departure, the discipline of geography has lost an internationally renowned scholar and dedicated teacher of the subject. We pray to the almighty God to provide peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear the irreparable loss.



**Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu**  
(President)

## Punjab Geographer

Original research papers are invited for publication from the members in journal 'Punjab Geographer' indexed in SCOPUS - (200114-020025) for 2021. Members can send their papers to Chief Editor, Dr. H. S. Mangat, E-mail editor@apgorg.org. Please visit website of Punjab Geographer, www.punjabgeographer.org or APG website: www.apgorg.org to see the guidelines for the authors and format of the paper.

## News from the Departments/Colleges

### Department of Geography, H. P. University, Shimla

Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla organised One Day National Webinar on Contemporary Issues in Geography on 18th June, 2020.

### Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra

#### Extension Lecture

Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, Centre for Study in Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered an extension lecture on the topic entitled "Educational Development and Policy in Transitional Societies" on February 05, 2020 at Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. This lecture was organised by the Geographical Society of the Department.



Dr. Sinha delivering his lecture

## Ph. D. Degree Awarded

Mr. Pankaj, research scholar of the department was awarded Ph.D. degree on the topic:

**Spatio-Temporal Dynamics of Bay of Bengal Tropical Cyclones: 1972-2015**, in June 2020.

## Condolence Message

The department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, expressed its condolences on the demise of internationally known Agricultural Geographer, Professor Jasbir Singh and released it to the Press as under:

## कुवि के भूगोल विभाग के सेवानिवृत्त प्रोफेसर जसबीर सिंह का अमेरिका में हुआ निधन

कुरुक्षेत्र, यशबाबू न्यूज।

कुरुक्षेत्र विश्वविद्यालय के भूगोल विभाग के प्रतिष्ठित प्रोफेसर जसबीर सिंह 19 जून को संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में 88 वर्ष की जीवन यात्रा तय करने के उपरांत देहावसान हो गया।

प्रो. जसबीर सिंह पिछले कुछ समय से बीमार थे। स्कॉटलैंड के एडिनबर्ग विश्वविद्यालय से पीएचडी की उपाधि धारण करने के पश्चात प्रो. सिंह वर्ष 1968 में भूगोल विभाग के विभागाध्यक्ष के तौर पर नियुक्त हुए थे। उन्होंने विभाग की लगभग 25 वर्षों तक सेवा की व वर्ष 1992 में विभाग से सेवानिवृत्ति प्राप्त की। विभाग में प्रो. जसबीर सिंह का सफर अति शानदार रहा व कुरुक्षेत्र विश्वविद्यालय के भूगोल विभाग की राष्ट्रस्तर पर पहचान बनाने में सफल रहे। अपने शैक्षणिक सफर में उन्होंने आठ पीएचडी शोधार्थियों का मार्गदर्शन व लगभग इतनी ही राष्ट्रीय व अंतरराष्ट्रीय शोध परियोजनाओं पर भी कार्य किया। उन्होंने अनेकों एमफिल शोधार्थियों का मार्गदर्शन भी किया। प्रो. सिंह न केवल देश के बल्कि अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के जाने-माने कृषि भूगोलवेत्ताओं



में शुमार थे उन्होंने अपनी कृषि भूगोल की शोध को न केवल भारत में बल्कि विश्व

के अनेक देशों जैसे फ्रांस, चीन, आस्ट्रेलिया आदि में प्रखरता से प्रस्तुत किया व अपने योगदान के लिए भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा प्राप्त की। उन्होंने कृषि भूगोल के क्षेत्र में अनेक शोध पत्र व पुस्तकें भी प्रकाशित की। उनके द्वारा प्रकाशित कृषि भूगोल की पुस्तक आज भी उतनी ही प्रासंगिक है, जितनी कि आज से 30-40 वर्ष पहले थी। कृषि भूगोल की यह पुस्तक आज भी स्नातकोत्तर स्तर पर देश के लगभग सभी विश्वविद्यालयों में विशेषरूप से पढ़ी जाती है व शोध के क्षेत्र में संदर्भ ग्रंथ के रूप में प्रयोग की जाती है। विश्वविद्यालय सेवाकाल में शैक्षणिक कार्यों के अलावा भी प्रोफेसर जसबीर सिंह ने अनेक अहम पदों पर काम किया, जहां उनका योगदान सराहनीय रहा।