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11th APG CONFERENCE

In the Executive Committee meeting of the APG held on 29th August, 2010 Dr. H.S. Mangat informed that the Department of Geography, MD University Rohtak took the responsibility for hosting 11th APG National Conference but even after repeated reminders the department has not responded. After detailed deliberations it was felt that since we are planning to lay the foundation of the Geographers' Bhawan shortly, therefore it will not be possible for the APG to hold two functions at two different places before winter. Thus, taking into account the shortage of time it was unanimously decided that 11th APG National Conference be organized by the APG itself at Patiala on 17-18 November, 2010 along with the foundation laying ceremony of the Bhawan.

EC felt that the members working in various colleges should come forward one after another to take the responsibility to organize APG conference in their colleges. Since liberal grant is available from the UGC to host APG conference they must avail this opportunity. Moreover, all type of academic support is provided by the APG.

The Main Theme and the Sub-themes of the Conference are mentioned below. The brochure of the conference is being mailed shortly.

Main Theme

Urbanization: Issues and Challenges

Sub-Themes

1. Urban growth and its trends
2. Geographical setting and urban development
3. Urban-rural linkages
4. Inter and intra-urban mobility
5. Urban Environment
6. Urban Infrastructure
7. Education-urbanization linkages
8. Urban Disasters

MUST READ

- 11th APG National Conference
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Ms Jasbir Kaur Makkar Principal, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana distributing the prizes to the winners of State Level Geographical Quiz Contest held under the aegis of the Association of Punjab Geographers. Dr. Seet Singh President and Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary APG were also present.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Members are requested to send the abstract of their paper (not more than 300 words) to Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, # 112, Salaria Vihar, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Patiala-147002, E-Mail 11apgconf@gmail.com, telephone No.098149-28741 by October 30, 2010. The participants are free to present their paper in English, Punjabi or Hindi. A hard and soft copy of the full papers should reach the Organizing Secretary not later than 7th November, 2010. Full papers received and presented may be considered for publication in the Journal.

GEOGRAPHERS' BHAWAN

All the members of the APG are aware that land spudding ceremony for the construction of Geographers' Bhawan at Patiala was performed on 12th October, 2008. Now another step forward is being taken for the construction of the building. The foundation stone of the building is proposed to be laid on 18th November, 2010. All those present on the conference will witness this historic event. All the members are requested to attend.

MOVE FOR BETTER LIFE

One billion of the total 6.7 billion people of the world are on the move. It shows that 1 in 7 persons on the surface of the earth is migrant. ----- H.D. Report, 2009.

UGC GRANT FOR HOLDING CONFERENCE

State College of Education received Rs. 1 lac 10 thousands for hosting 10th APG National Conference. Similar grant was also received by the DAV College, Jalandhar and G.N. Khalsa College, Karnal for hosting APG conferences. The total amount of UGC Grant for this purpose is 1.5 lac, those who want to avail this grant to host APG National Conference can contact Prof. Veerdev Singh, State College of Education, Patiala or Dr. H.S. Mangat to know the procedure.

FOLLOW UP OF THE ISSUES RAISED AT 10TH APG CONFERENCE

A meeting of senior Geographers from Punjab was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gopal Krishan, in the Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, on 13th February, 2010 to follow up the suggestions/ observations emerged during the panel discussion session of the conference on 1st November, 2009. Members took note of the poor state of the teaching of Geography particularly in schools, colleges of education and DIETS. The observation that the Geographers are being ignored for teaching a paper on Environment Studies in the colleges was also discussed. After deliberations it was decided that we should invite the concerned Political Dignitaries/ Officers on various functions/ seminars/ conferences etc. to stress our point and get the commitment. Thus, all the departments of geography in the state are requested to follow this strategy for the progress of geography. They can take the help of APG if desired.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The executive committee in its meeting held on 29th August, 2010, constituted the following committee to look after the construction of the Geographers' Bhawan:

1. Dr. S.S.Dhillon (Ex President) : Chairman
3. Dr. Seet Singh (President) : Member
4. Dr. Lakhvir Singh (General Secretary) : Member
5. Sh. Nirmal Preet Singh (Finance Secretary) : Member
6. Prof. Veerdev Singh (Press & Publication Secretary) : Member
7. Sh. P.S. Walia (Architect) : Tech. Advisor

GEOGRAPHICAL QUIZ CONTEST

The PG Department of Geography, S.C.D. Govt. College, Ludhiana organized a state level Geographical Quiz competition under the aegis of the Association of Punjab Geographers on Thursday 11-2-2010. In this competition nine teams participated from different colleges of Punjab. After qualifying the Preliminary test 5 teams reached to the final level.

Government College, Ropar won the first prize while Government College for Women Ludhiana and Government College, Kapruthala got second and third positions respectively. The prizes were distributed to the winning teams by the principal of the college, Ms Jasbir Kaur Makkar.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

A General body meeting will be held after the last session of the conference. The members are requested to attend the meeting and participate in the deliberations.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GEOGRAPHERS' BHAWAN

Money is the prime mover. All the members are requested to contribute liberally for this prestigious project of the Association. They are requested to mobilize all possible resources at their command to make this project a success and complete at an early date. The Executive Committee of the APG in its meeting held on 29.8.2010 decided that each Member should contribute at least Rs. 1000/- personally and approach other well wishers for generous contribution. The amount may be sent in cash or through bank draft in favour of the Association of Punjab Geographers payable at Patiala. The receipt of the amount will be sent with thanks.

APG DIRECTORY

Publication of a revised and updated directory of APG is under consideration. Members are requested to inform any change in their official/postal address, telephone number to Dr. H.S. Mangat at the earliest.

India has the World's Third Largest Muslim Population

160 million Muslims live in India which is the third largest after Indonesia and Pakistan.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

The Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research is holding a three-day International Seminar on:

“Climate Change: Spatial Concerns and Mitigation Strategies”

DECEMBER 16 TO 18, 2010

SUB-THEMES :

Group-1 Climate change

- Climate Change: A Natural Cycle
- Patterns of Climate Change.
- Climate Change Monitoring Methodologies & Techniques
- Oceanic Dynamics

Group -2 Human Intervention

- Population Dynamics
- Transportation and Mechanization
- Natural Resource & Energy Concerns
- Land use and Human Activities

Group -3 Built Environment

- Settlement Planning : Approach and Techniques (Living with Nature)
- Conservation
- Institutional Arrangements, Infrastructure
- Requirement and People's Participation
- Laws, regulations, policies, programmes and priorities of the Government

Organizers:

- Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research, India, Panchkula
- Built Environment Research Institute, University of Ulster, UK
- Association of Punjab Geographers
- Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Department of Geography, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
- Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla

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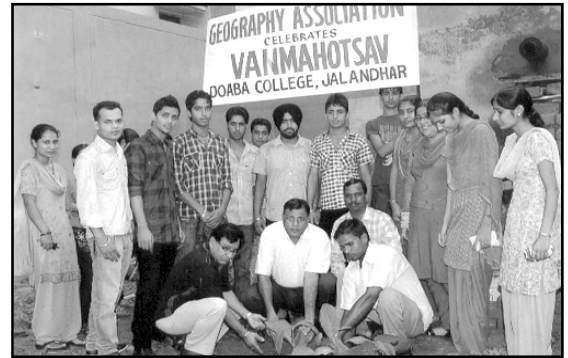
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Since APG is one of the organizers of the seminar therefore participation of our members in large number will be appreciated.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Doaba College Jalandhar

The Geographical Society of Doba College, Jalandhar celebrated *Van Mohotsav* in the college campus on 7th July, 2010.



Govt. College Bholath (Kapurthala)

The Geographical Society of Govt. College Bholeth (Kapurthala) celebrated Van Mohotsav in the college campus on 25th August, 2010. Teacher day was also celebrated on 5th Sept. 2010, by organising a discussion on the "Role of Student & Teachers in Saving Environment."

NEWS ABOUT THE MEMBERS

Dr. Karanjot Kaur Brar, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh attended 3 national conferences at Chandigarh, presented research papers on two international conferences one at San Diego, California and other at University of Delhi, she also chaired a technical session in this conference.

Visted Abroad : Dr. Karanjot was invited to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada from September 26 to October 17, 2009 for sharing research expertise and discussing potential for future research cooperation.

Dr. Dharam Singh, Associate Professor, PG Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana has been awarded U.G.C. sponsored Major research project. He presented papers on two international conferences one at Antalya, Turkey and other at Bangalore University. He also attended 10APG National Conference at Patiala, NAGI at Jabalpur and a National Seminar at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

His presentation at Antalya is accepted for publication in the proceedings of the conference. His another paper has been published in *Water and Land Management*.

Dr. Vinod Kumar Bhardwaj, Lecturer in Geography, BBD Govt Post Graduate College, Chimanpura (Shahpura), Jaipur (Rajasthan) attended an International conference Hague-Netherlands. He presented a paper in this conference on “Innocent Migrants and their Intentional Exploitation : A Case of Nepalese Women Trafficking in India”.

Sh. Daljit Singh, Associate Professor in Geography Doaba College, Jalandhar presented a paper on *Remote Sensing and GIS in Management of Resources* at NAGI, held at Jabalpur, MP November, 2009

GEOGRAPHICAL NEWS

ALARMING RISE IN GREENHOUSE GAS LEVEL

If this trend of greenhouse gases emissions continued, the temperature of India would increase by 2 degree Celsius by 2020. ---HT

100 MILLION H-BOMBS

A massive solar storm much bigger in potential that caused spectacular light shows on earth (in early August, 2010) is predicted to strike our planet in 2012 with a force of 100 million hydrogen bombs. Dr. Richard Fisher, NASA- HT

NATURAL GAS ROCKS/SHALE GAS

Shale gas or the gas trapped in rocks is the most promising new energy resource across the globe. Shale gas is likely to overtake both conventional gas as well as liquid fuels as a

source of energy within next decade. Large deposits are located in the Gangetic Plain, Assam, Rajasthan, and along India's extensive coast line. ---HT

THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE HAS SEVERAL COMMONALITIES

The UN panel report found that climate change is expected to exacerbate existing stress on water resources stemming from population growth and economic and land use change--- R.K. Pachauri, Chairman, IPPC

LA NINA

La Nina is a Spanish word for “Little girl” denotes, cooling of the waters of the Pacific Ocean. The cooling of water gives rise to stronger rain bearing winds. The heavy rainfall India expects in September end is being attributed to a brewing La Nina.

La Nina is the reverse of last years' El-Nino when the abnormal warming of the ocean surface took place and caused India's worst drought in 30 years.

Appeal: Members are requested to send their suggestions and activities report of the college/ department and change of address if any to Dr. H.S.mangat, # 3037, Urban Estate, Phase-2, Patiala-147002.

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