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The 11th APG National Conference was held at Government (State) College of Education, Patiala on 17-18 November 2010. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. G.S. Gosal, Professor Emeritus, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Besides, senior teachers of the subject like Dr. S.S. Dhillon, Principal J.S. Kaliana, Dr. H.S. Mangat, Dr. Seet Singh and Kanwar Surjit Singh, Secretary General of the ISPER and Ex. Chief Town Planner Haryana, graced the occasion. Dr. S.S. Dhillon, Patron of the conference welcomed the guests and delegates. Dr. H.S. Mangat, gave a brief introduction about the APG and its activities in the last year.

In his key note address on, "Urban Growth: Challenges and Trends" Dr. K.D. Sharma, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh highlighted the trends and issues related with urbanization with special reference to India.

Dr. Gosal, in his presidential remarks underlined the historical as well as current issues of Indian cities. He commended the work done by APG and said that this organization had the vision of associating with town planners which is of course a two way traffic. He said that APG is the most successful of the regional bodies of geographers and mentioned that APG is doing a great service in the field of geography. He conveyed his best wishes for the success of the conference.

Dr. Seet Singh, President APG proposed a vote of thanks.

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2011

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

RELEASE OF PUNJAB GEOGRAPHER

Sixth issue of the 'Punjab Geographer' (2010) was released by Dr. G.S. Gosal at the inaugural session of the conference. Dr. Gosal, appreciated the effort of the APG for publishing a professional journal of quality

RELEASE OF SOUVENIR

Sh. K. Surjit Singh formerly Chief Town Planner Haryana, released the souvenir of the 11th APG National Conference, at the Inaugural Session of the Conference.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Two special lectures were delivered for the benefit of delegates:

- (i) Professor Sarup Singh, Guru Ramdas School of Planning, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar delivered a special lecture on, "*Urban Environment: Issues and Challenges*" at the inaugural session of the conference.
- (ii) Dr. R.N. Mishra, Professor and Head, Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur delivered a lecture on, "*Urban Development in Rajasthan : Pattern and Environmental Challenges.*" in a special session of the conference on 18th November, 2010.

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION / EXHIBITION

A poster making competition for the under graduate students was organized on the occasion of the 11th APG conference. An exhibition was also arranged for these posters made on the subject of 'Save Environment'. Students from different colleges participated. Prize distribution was held at the valedictory session of the conference on 18th November 2010. Ist Prize went to Karamjit Kaur, State College of Education, Patiala; II Prize to Damanjeet Kaur, M.M. Modi College Patiala, while Davneet Kaur Govt. College for Women Patiala shared the IIIrd Prize with Kala Singh, State College of Education, Patiala.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

The deliberations of the conference were held in 7 technical sessions. During these sessions 57 papers were presented. Dr. M.S. Jaglan, Dr Dhian Kaur, Dr. Gurinder Kaur, Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, Dr. V. K. Bhardwaj, Dr. Dharam Singh, Dr. Joginder Singh Rana, and Dr. B.R. Thakur very ably conducted different technical sessions and carried forward the deliberations of the conference.

DINNER PARTY

A special dinner party and evening get-together was arranged in the spacious lawns of the college campus for the delegates attending the 11th APG National Conference on November 17, 2010. All delegates enjoyed the evening and parted with a promise to meet again at the time of next conference.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

The valedictory session of the conference was held in the afternoon of 18th November 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.N. Mishra, Head Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Dr. M.K. Khandelwal, formerly Professor, Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest. Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj presented a resume of the proceedings of the conference which was passed by a voice vote.

SUGGESTIONS

1. Prof. Kuldip Singh, State College of Education, Patiala suggested that the Main Themes and Sub-themes of the next conference should be decided in advance and if possible these may be announced at the concluding session of the conference, to give sufficient time to the researchers to work and prepare their papers for presentation.
2. Dr. B.R. Thakur suggested, if the proceedings of the conference are published, it will encourage the contributors and enhance the prestige of the conference.

Dr. H.S. Mangat responded and said that host of the 12th APG National conference (Dept. of Geog. H.P. University, Shimla) will be requested to finalize the Theme and Dates of the conference at the earliest so that these may be conveyed to the members through News Letter that will be released in January, 2011.

He also assured the members that efforts will be made for the publication of the proceedings of the conference and if a publisher is available we will call full papers and those found fit will be published.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Principal Joginder Singh Kaliana (Retd.) was ceremonially installed as the new President of the APG for the years 2011 and 2012. He was conducted to the chair by the outgoing president, Dr. Seet Singh and Dr. H.S. Mangat. The President was authorized to constitute his new team of the office bearers for the tenure of his office in consultation with the out going Executive Committee.

Principal Kaliana conveyed his heartiest thanks to the outgoing president and office bearers for his installation. He promised to do his best to enhance the prestige of the APG by his hard work and promote the

aims and objectives of the Association.

President Kaliana also thanked the outgoing President Dr. Seet Singh and his team for the good work done by them during their tenure and solicited their co-operation during his term of office.

THANKS BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dr. Seet Singh, the outgoing President conveyed his heartiest thanks to all members of his team of office bearers for their cooperation and hard work during his tenure of office for carrying forward and achieving the aims and objects of the Association. He further assured the new President and members about his help and continued work for the Association.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

The general body meeting of the APG was held just after the valedictory session of the 11th APG conference to approve the new executive committee of the APG. Dr. R.N. Mishra, Chairman of the valedictory session was requested to chair the general body meeting.

The following members of the APG have been unanimously nominated to run the affairs of the APG for the years 2011 and 2012.

Chief Patron	: Dr. H.S. Mangat
President	: S. Joginder Singh Kaliana (Principal Retd.)
President Elect	: Sh. K. Surjit Singh
Outgoing President	: Dr. Seet Singh
Vice Presidents	: Dr. Gurinder Kaur Dr. D.D. Sharma Dr. D.S. Mankoo
General Secretary	: Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu
Outgoing General Secretary	: Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill
Finance Secretary	: S. Nirmalpreet Singh
Press and Publicity Secretary	: Prof. Veerdev Singh

Executive Members

1. Dr. Omvir Singh
2. Prof. Jaspal Singh
3. Dr. Jarnail Singh
4. Dr. Gaurav Kalotra
5. Prof. Daljit Singh
6. Prof. Jatinder Singh
7. S. Jagtar Singh
8. Mrs. Nashinderbir Kaur (School Lect.)
9. Ms. Rashmi (Student Member)

Ex-Officio Members :

Editor Punjab Geographer	: Dr. H.S. Mangat
Editor Geographers' Newsletter	: Prof. I.N. Chawla

APG Newsletter

Following have been nominated.

- (i) Editor Prof. I.N. Chawla
- (ii) Co-Editor Dr. Rampal Singh

Vote of Thanks

Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. I.N. Chawla for the very valuable cooperation of the Principal, staff, students and administrative staff of

the State College of Education for their hard work to make the conference a success. Vote of thanks was also proposed for all the office bearers of the APG and delegates of the 11th APG National Conference for their cooperation.

PROPOSED CALENDER OF ACTIVITIES

To make the Geographical Societies of the Colleges/Departments more active, a calendar of activities associated with celebration of some important days during the months from January to June was circulated in the July 2009 issue of the Newsletter. Members were requested to forward suggestions related to such days for the months from July to December. Response from the members has been encouraging. As a result a complete list of the days that can be celebrated during the year is mentioned below for the information of the members. Activities can be planned according to your convenience. We are thankful to the members for their interest and help extended to complete the list by sending valuable suggestions. List of such days is as under:

Day	Date
1. World Wetland Day	2 February
2. World Forestry Day	24 February
3. World Water Day	22 March
4. World Meteorological Day	22 March
5. Earth Day	22 April
6. International Biodiversity Day	22 May
7. World Environment Day	5 June
8. Van Mahotsava	5 July
9. World Population Day	11 July
10. World Literacy Day	5 September
11. World Ozone Day	15 September
12. Wild Life Week (Environment, Forest)	1-7 October
13. World Conservation Day	27 November
14. National Pollution Prevention Day	2 December
15. National Energy Conservation Day	14 December

12TH APG NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Department of Geography, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh is hosting the 12th APG National Conference. The dates of the conference and the themes for deliberation are:

Date: October 8-9, 2011

Focal Theme

**Mountain Environment and
Natural Resource Management**

Sub-Themes

- Natural Hazards and Disaster Management
- Bio-Diversity
- Land and Water Resources- Issues and Challenges
- Built-up Environment and Ecological Considerations
- Climate Change-Impacts and Options
- Mountain Communities, Livelihoods and Carrying Capacity
- Geo-spatial Technologies and Natural Resource Planning and Management

Members are requested to start preparing and come up with original research work. For any quarry, please contact Dr.D.D.Sharma, Head Department of Geography, H.P. University, Shimla Mob.09418076763, [E-Mail-ddshimla@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ddshimla@yahoo.co.in).

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 from the life/annual members of the APG for the Young Geographer Award. The paper should be submitted in English to Dr. B.R. Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, H.P. University, Shimla, (E-Mail- brthakur53@gmail.com, Mob-09418065518) who has been authorized by the APG Secretariat to conduct this competition. The papers received later than September10, 2011 will not be considered for evaluation. The name of the author and department should be mentioned in the covering letter and not on the paper to keep the 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 the award. The awardee will be honoured with a cash award of Rs. 1000/-, a memento and a certificate of merit. The paper will be published in the Journal if considered fit for publication.

13th APG National Conference

University/College Department of Geography interested to host 13th APG National Conference in 2012 may contact Dr. H.S.Mangat Ph. 0175-2286606, E-mail hsmangat@rackeys.com

STATE LEVEL GEOGRAPHICAL QUIZ CONTEST

P.G Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana will organize a State Level Inter College Geographical Quiz Contest under the aegis of the Association of Punjab Geographers in the 2nd week of Feburary, 2011. All the Departments of Geography of different colleges of Punjab are requested to participate. For details contact Dr. Dharm Singh Sandhu, Head Department of Geography, Govt. College, Ludhiana Mob.09463352523.

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PAPERS

Members are requested to send their original research papers for publication in the next issue of "Punjab Geographer" to Dr. H.S. Mangat, 3037, Urban Estate, Phase-II, Patiala. [e-mail-hsmangat@rackeys.com](mailto:hsmangat@rackeys.com), Phone- 0175-2286606. To begin with they can submit a single hard copy; followed by two hard copies for the referees after incorporating the suggestions if asked for; followed by single hard copy after incorporating the suggestions of the referees along with a soft copy. The authors must communicate the original copy/print of the maps indicating the quality of impression. The paper can be withdrawn even from the press if the reproduction of the maps/figs. is not satisfactory.

Note: The authors should note that until they receive the press copy of their paper (excluding maps and figs.) from the editor and return it back with OK report, the paper may not be considered as accepted for publication.

NEWS ABOUT THE SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Department of Geography, Rajkiya Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKMV), Shimla is organizing two days seminar on "Applications of Geo-spatial Technologies in Teaching and Research" on 27-28 Feb. 2011. Interested candidates may contact Dr. M.L.Mankotia, the coordinator of the seminar Mob. 09418457817, E-mail - mlmankotia@gmail.com.

Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur is organizing XXXII, IIG Meet and International Conference on 17-19 January, 2011. Interested may contact Dr. R.D. Gurjar, Convener Mob. 09424249440.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES/DEPARTMENTS

National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) presented Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. G.S. Gosal, Professor Emeritus, Department of Geography, Panjab University Chandigarh, for his valuable contribution and services to the discipline of Geography.

APG extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Dr. G.S. Gosal.

32nd Indian Geography Congress on 'Globalization, Population and Regional Development' was held at Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh on 19-21 November 2010.

A Three day International Seminar on 'Climate Change: Spatial Concerns and Mitigation Strategies', was held at ISPER Headquarters, Panckhkula (Haryana) on 16-18 December, 2010.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj

A prestigious research project of Rs. 6.55 lakh on "Women and Child Trafficking from Nepal: Issues, Efforts and Challenges" has been awarded to Dr. Vinod K. Bhardwaj, Lecturer in Geography, Govt. College, Chimanpura, Rajasthan. This project is funded by B P Koirala Foundation of India and Nepal (BPKF). It is a joint venture of India and Nepal.

Dr. Dharm Singh Sandhu

Dr. Dharm Singh Sandhu, Head Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana presented a research paper in the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission Seminar on Land use, Biodiversity and Climate Change, organize by Department of Geography, Cotton College, Guwahati from 11-13 December, 2010.

GEOGRAPHICAL NEWS

China's One Child Policy : China completed 30 years of one child policy on 25th September 2010. This

was meant to be effective for 30 years but China will continue it for another decade.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences estimated that by 2020 AD, 24 million marriageable Chinese men may be wifeless because of one child policy and preference for male progeny that has created an imbalance of 119 Chinese boys to 100 girls H.T.

Demand for Water will Exceed the Supply :

By 2030 water shortages are expected to aggregate 40 per cent in developing Asia and in some countries like India, demand may exceed supply by 50 per cent, according to a draft report of the Asian Development Bank TNS.

Earth Like Planet :

A team of astronomers from University of California has discovered a planet orbiting a star some 20 light years away, which they claim is almost earth like yet found and so very much likely to be habitable The new planet a rocky world- three times the size of Earth, lies in the Star's 'Goldilocks Zone', the region in space where conditions are neither too hot nor too cold for liquid water to form oceans, lakes and rivers H.T.

Cancun Summit :

The UN climate conference in Cancun on December 11, 2010 (after Kyoto in Japan) and Copenhagen in Denmark reached a 'compromise' to set up a \$ 100 billion (Green Fund) to fight global warming, but there was no agreement on extending the landmark Kyoto protocol on emission cuts beyond 2012. Briefly:

- 1) 90 countries agreed on conference text.
- 2) No compromise on extending Kyoto protocol beyond 2012.
- 3) Summit endorses non-binding deals reached at Copenhagen.
- 4) No legally binding emission cuts.
- 5) Developing countries to be subjected to international verification only if they receive funds for emission cut machinery.
- 6) Green Climate Fund to protect poor nations.
- 7) Next U.N. meet to be held at Durban. (S. Africa)-The Tribune.

SUGGESTIONS AND ACTIVITY REPORTS

Suggestions to improve the working and addition to the activities of the Association are welcome. Please send your suggestions and report of activities and achievements of the college/department society and change of address if any to Dr. H.S. Mangat on the above mentioned address.

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