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18th APG Meet and International Conference, 2017

The 18th APG Meet and International Conference is being hosted by Department of Geography, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar on 27th and 28th October 2017. This mega event of academic domain of geography is primarily focused on to provide a forum to the geographers, social scientists, researchers, policy makers, administrators and students for deliberation and dissemination of contemporary research on a wide range of issues related to globalization, development and new world order. It will provide a platform to social scientists and policy makers for dialogue, debate and formation of strategies for the successful implementation and to resolve challenges related to fallouts of globalization, development and emerging world order.

MAIN THEME

RE-ENVISIONING GLOBALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT AND NEW WORLD ORDER: PERSPECTIVES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Thrust Areas and Sub Themes

Globalization: International Perspectives

- Economics and Geographies of globalization
- Globalization and sustainability
- Glocalization, Anti-globalization & De-globalization
- Literature in the age of globalization & development
- Re-envisioning globalization for inclusive growth
- Socio-cultural globalization & role of media
- Technology and globalization

Development and Planning: National Perspectives

- Balanced regional development and planning
- Disaster management initiatives and effectiveness
- Environmental planning and resource management
- National economic & industrial development
- Social development and national planning

- Regional values and cultural concerns
- Remote Sensing & GIS applications
- Revisiting rural development
- Sustainable development challenges in industry & agriculture
- Urbanization, smart cities and spatial planning
- Waste management: experiments and initiatives

Re-envisioning New World Order

- Arab Spring, Syria and Middle East crisis
- Brexit and European Union
- Combating cyber-crime and global terrorism
- Declining US hegemony and new world order
- Globalization and International Institutions
- Human rights, migration & refugee crisis
- Role of BRICS in new world order
- Post truth age, social media and social behavior

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State Level Geographical Quiz Contest-2017

A State Level Geographical Quiz Contest was organized by Post Graduate Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana



Memorable moments of Awarding trophy to the winning team of State level quiz -2017 by Dr. H.S. Mangat (Patron, APG), Principal Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu, Dr. Harbans Singh, Convener with other dignitaries.

on 18th February, 2017. Twenty one teams from different colleges of Punjab participated in the event. Out of these, five teams namely SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana; GCG Ludhiana; Govt. Rajindra College, Bathinda; Govt. College, Ropar and Mata Gujri Collge, Fatehgarh Sahib qualified for the final round. Govt. College for Girls, Ludhiana won the first position, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana won second and Mata Gujri College, Fatehgarh Sahib won third position respectively. Dr. H.S. Mangat patron Association of Punjab Geographers gave away the prizes. Principal Dr. Dharam Singh Sandhu highlighted the students on the importance of such quiz contests. Dr. Harbans Singh, Head of the Geography Department congratulated the students and presented a vote of thanks. Ms. Naiya Walia acted as Quiz master.

Zonal Level and State Level Geographical Quiz Contest-2018

Taking into account the interest and potentialities of the departments, distribution and coverage of the colleges in the state, APG has decided to divide the State into 7 Quiz Contest Zones with **Conveners** and **Co-Conveners**, so that maximum departments and students of geography from all over Punjab could get benefited from this geographic and valuable academic activity. With this initiative of the APG:

1. Seven new colleges will get an opportunity to organize this contest apart from the department of geography of SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana. The geography departments of these colleges will have to develop skill to organize such competitions and it will promote geography in the college.
2. Twenty-one teams comprising 63 students will get prizes, apart from 3 teams at state level contest.
3. The colleges located in remote areas will get an opportunity to participate in this contest.
4. All the contesting students will have to study geography in depth to participate in the contest. It will provide training to the students for other competitive examinations apart from being benefited for their class examinations.
5. Teams getting First Position at Zonal Level Quiz Contest will participate in the State Level Quiz Contest at SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana.
6. A minor monetary help of Rs. 2000/- for each zone is under consideration of the Association of Punjab Geographers.

To apprise the procedure and methodology to conduct quiz contest, APG, in coordination with the Department of Geography, SCD Govt. College, Ludhiana, will organize one-day workshop at Ludhiana in the month of September/October, 2017. Such workshops will also be conducted by each zone-coordinator for the college teachers falling in their zones to make them aware about the nature of the contest so that they may guide their students accordingly. The following list of 7 zones includes the colleges of all the districts of state:

**State Level Geographical Quiz Contest:
List of the Zones and Conveners**

| Name of Zone | Colleges with Departments of Geography (Cities) | Convener and Co-convener of the Zone |
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| Amritsar | Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Patti, Tarn Taran, Pathankot | Prof. Jaideep Singh Dhillon Prof. Satinder Kaur |
| Bathinda | Deon, Bathinda, Faridkot, Kotkapura, Talwandi Sabo, Fafre Bhai Ke (Mansa), Fazilka, Muktsar, Gidderbaha | Prof. Dilshad Ali Prof. Balwinder Singh |
| Jalandhar | Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur Tanda, Bholath | Prof. Daljit Singh Prof. Puneet Kalra |
| Ludhiana | Ludhiana, Sidhwan Khurd, Dudhike, Pozewal, Fatehgarh Sahib | Dr. Harbans Singh Prof. Manjinder Sood |
| Malerkotla | Malerkotla, Karamsar, Sangrur, Nabha, Bardwal(Dhuri), Sunam | Prof. Balwinder Singh Prof. Sukhchain Singh |
| Mohali | Mohali, Ropar, Naya Nangal, Dera Bassi, Nawanshahr, Phagwara | Dr. Jaspal Singh Dr. Ripudaman Singh |
| Patiala | Patiala, Samana, Ghanaur, Nial Patran | Dr. Jarnail Singh Prof. Navjot Singh Billing |

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Original research papers are invited for publication from the members. Members can contact Dr. H. S. Mangat, E-mail editor@apgorg.org. Please visit website of APG: www.apgorg.org to see the guidelines for the authors and format of the paper.

Dr. Saminderjit Singh Young Geographer Award- 2017

As per its policy, APG promotes research activities by providing a platform to young geographers to present their research work. Under this policy, original research papers along with bio-data of the authors who are 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 format of 'Punjab Geographer' 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 coordinate this competition. The papers received later than 30th September, 2017 will not be considered for evaluation. Evaluation will take place only if there are at least six participants. The awardee will be honored with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- and a certificate of merit at forthcoming APG International Conference on 27-28 October, 2017 at Jalandhar. The paper can be published in the Journal if considered fit for publication by the editorial team.

The participants are requested to visit www.apgorg.org for details of rules and regulations before submitting their paper to the coordinator.

Prof. Davender Singh Memorial Award

Association of Punjab Geographers is considering to institute an award in the memory of Prof. Davender Singh, Department of Geography, University of Jammu, who has left us for heavenly abode during the prime of his life. APG shall be thankful to the members who can suggest us the nomenclature, procedure and methodology of such award/competition or anything else to make it a success. The suggestions can be mailed to Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, APG on lakhvirgill@gmail.com phone, 9988028741 and 9814928741. The views received will be discussed during EC meeting at the annual Meet of APG, at LPU to take the final decision.

Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the executive committee of the Association of Punjab Geographers will take place at 6.00 pm on 27th October, 2017 in the Department of Geography, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar. The agenda of the meeting will be circulated by the general secretary well in advance. All the members are requested to make it convenient to attend.

| New Arrivals | |
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| 1. | The Vitality of India: A Regional Perspective Author: Gopal Krishan, Year of Publication: 2017, Price Rs. 1100/- Publisher: Rawat Publications, Jaipur. |
| 2. | Researching Geography: The Indian Contest Authors: Gopal Krishan and Nina Singh Year of Publication: 2017, Price: Rs. 895/- Publisher: Routledge, London and New York. |
| 3. | Plurality of Indian Minorities: Struggle for Development (ed.) Authors: Shaik Iftikhar Ahmed and Aparna Joshi Year of Publication: 2016, Price: Rs. 530/- Publisher: Sapatrisi Publications, Chandigarh. |

News from the Departments

Institute of Spatial Planning and Environment Research, Panchkula

6th Two-day International Seminar on 'Implementation of Urban Missions: Resilient Cities, Sustainable Technologies and Smart Infrastructure' was organized by the ISPER on April 21-22, 2017.

Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu

Three students have been awarded Ph.D. in March 2017:

1. Davinder Singh, "Assessment of Potential Agroforestry in Jammu District Using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques" under the supervision of Dr. Anuradha Sharma.
2. Lokinder Singh, "Impact of Development on the Environment of Jammu City (1981-2011): A study in Environmental Geography", under the supervision of Prof. V.S. Manhas.
3. Gagan Deep, "Literacy Pattern in Jammu District (1981-2011): A Spatio Temporal Analysis in Population Geography" under the supervision of Prof. V.S. Manhas.

Department of Geography, H.P. University, Shimla

The department organized 4 day workshop from 10 to 13 June, 2017 on Preparation of Definitional Dictionary of Geography under the aegis of Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. BR Thakur.

Department of Geography, Baba Farid P.G. College, Baba Farid Institute of Higher and Foreign Studies, Deon (Bathinda)

The Post Graduate Department of Geography, Deon (Bathinda) invited Prof. Shubh Prem Brar (Principal, Retd.) for guest lecture on 'Laws, Theories and Models in Scientific Explanations in Geography' on March 7, 2017. He precisely explained about explanations, laws and theories and related concepts such as: inductive approach and deductive approach. Students of M.Sc

Geography and the teaching faculty of the department participated in the discussion with huge enthusiasm and felt blessed to have such a learning experience.

Department of Geography, Govt. College Ropar, Punjab

Focused on the quotation by Mahatma Gandhi "Earth has enough for man's need but not man's greed", the department celebrated Earth Day on 27th April 2017. It was a genuine effort of the faculty to make students aware about saving Mother Earth from pollution, deforestation, global warming and rapidly increasing burden on it. To mark the day, students prepared models and charts which were exhibited in the department for the students of the college to see and learn about the theme and current problems being faced by the earth. This effort of the department was appreciated by the Principal of the college. Dr. Jaspal Singh, Professor, Dept. of Geography, Government College, Mohali was invited for special lecture on this theme and to judge the students work of model and chart making. Students also read papers on Pollution, Global warming and Importance of Earth Day.



Govt. College, Ropar, Dr. Jaspal Singh sharing his views on students work



Govt. College, Ropar, Students Demonstrating Models and Charts

News about the Members

- Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Assistant Professor in Geography, Dr. H.S. Gaur, Central University, Madhya Pradesh has joined as Assistant Professor in Geography, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi.
- Dr. Aparna Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Govt. College, Panchkula has joined as Assistant Professor in Geography, Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.

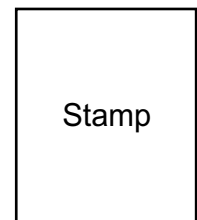
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