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HISAR : THE HOST CITY

*Hisar, a historic and rapidly developing city of Haryana, blends a rich past with a growing modern identity. Located about 160 km from the National Capital Delhi, Hisar is well connected by road and rail networks, ensuring smooth and convenient travel. It lies around 150 km from the state capital Chandigarh. The nearest airport is Hisar Airport, which is being developed to improve regional connectivity. Hisar is known for its historical importance, with roots dating back to the reign of Firoz Shah Tughlaq, who founded the city. **The historical monuments like Gujri Mahal, Firoz Saha Palace, St. Thomas Church, Jahaz Kothi, Lat Ki Masjid, Rakhigarhi (Indus Civilization Site, 60 km.), Agroha Dham (25 km.), Fort of Prithviraj Chauhan & Barsi Gate (30 km.) are major attractions in the city.***

DAYANAND COLLEGE, HISAR

*Dayanand College, Hisar is a 76 years old, accredited as grade **A++** institution by NAAC, Bengaluru in June, 2024. It was founded in the historical city of Hisar in 1950. The college owes its existence to the vision and missionary zeal of Lala Gian Chand Mahajan (later venerated as Swami Munishwaranand) who was a teacher by profession, a social crusader by inclination, and a saint by temperament . The temple of learning is a multi-faculty, co-educational government-aided institution affiliated to Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar. The college is situated in two campuses, occupying a total land area of about 28 acres out of which 4 acres of land is for college campus and 24 acres of land is harnessed for creating other facilities. A supportive academic atmosphere, along with modern facilities that make it a vibrant centre of learning. With its strong commitment to education, values and social responsibility, Dayanand College continues to contribute to the intellectual and personal growth of students, preparing them to meet future challenges with confidence.*

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography is one of the oldest departments of Dayanand College, Hisar that is offering its services in field of geography since 1952. The department is engaged in teaching of more than 500 students of B.A. three-year degree and the M.Sc. two-year degree courses. It has its well established and functioning laboratories, smart classroom and rooms equipped with modern geographical instruments and teaching aids. There is a specialized laboratory on Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS) in the department that offers wider opportunities to students to learn and enhance their skills. The department provides wide exposure to the students by organizing educational tours, field surveys, visits, extension lectures, exhibitions, quiz contests, debates and workshops under the able guidance of qualified faculty members. Faculty members actively guide students in developing research skills, analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities and leadership qualities. The overall objective of the Department of Geography is to nurture responsible and skilled learners who can apply geographic knowledge and tools to understand and solve real-world problems, contributing effectively to society and sustainable development.

BACKGROUND OF THE CONFERENCE

India is experiencing rapid socio-economic transformation driven by population growth, urbanization, infrastructure development, and technological progress. These changes are significantly reshaping the country's geographical landscapes, environmental systems, and social structures. At the same time, India faces serious challenges such as climate change, environmental degradation, resource depletion, regional disparities, natural hazards, and unplanned urban growth. Addressing these complex issues requires an integrated understanding of geography, environment, and society, supported by modern geospatial technologies. As the nation advances towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, there is an urgent need for evidence-based planning, sustainable resource management, and inclusive development strategies. The International Conference aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, planners, professionals, and students to exchange knowledge, promote collaboration, and develop innovative solutions aligned with India's development vision.

SIGNIFICANCE OF TOPIC

The International Conference holds significant national and global relevance as it addresses the growing need to integrate geography, environment, society, and geospatial technologies for sustainable development in the context of Viksit Bharat @2047. Rapid population growth, urban expansion, climate change, environmental degradation, and increasing disaster risks pose serious challenges to resource management and socio-economic stability in India and other developing nations. Addressing these interconnected issues is essential for building resilient ecosystems and inclusive societies. The conference provides an important platform for sharing knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions among scholars, policymakers, planners, and practitioners from India and abroad. It promotes the use of geospatial technologies such as GIS, Remote Sensing, and spatial analytics for informed decision-making, environmental monitoring, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable urban and regional planning. India's leadership in sustainable development can serve as a model for responsible growth in the Anthropocene era, blending modern science with traditional knowledge for sustainable prosperity.

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on “People, Planet & Technology: Sustainable Solutions for Vikshit Bharat” is expected to generate meaningful academic, policy, and practical outcomes that support India's sustainable development vision. The deliberations will lead to the development of an integrated action framework highlighting the role of geographical perspectives and geospatial technologies in addressing environmental challenges and socio-economic transformation. Key outcomes will include evidence-based policy recommendations for sustainable land use, climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, smart urban and regional planning, and efficient natural resource management. The conference will promote the adoption of geospatial tools such as GIS, Remote Sensing, and spatial analytics for informed decision-making and governance. Moreover, the conference will result in the documentation of best practices, innovative models, and case studies from India and other countries, aligned with national development priorities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, contributing to a resilient and inclusive pathway towards Viksit Bharat.

SUB THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE:

1. Indian Knowledge System & Viksit Bharat

2. Geography and Sustainable Development

3. Climate Change and Human–Environment Relations

4. Geospatial Tools for Environmental Management

5. Population, Urbanization, and Spatial Change

6. Smart Cities and Spatial Planning

7. Disaster Risk and Climate Resilience

8. Environment Degradation: Causes & Solutions

9. Role of Education in Environment Conservation
10. Achieving Viksit Bharat Goal by Local Resources

11. Land Use, Agriculture, and Food Security

12. Water Resources and Society

13. Biodiversity and Ecosystem Sustainability

14. Livelihoods, Inequality, and Development

15. Geospatial Data and Spatial Analysis

16. Food Security, Nutrition & Well Being

17. Policy, Governance, and Spatial Decision-Making

18. Traditional Indian Approach for Nature

19. Any other issue related to theme or sub-themes

Guidelines for Abstract Submission:

Abstract submission and Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/7PoASvPkinGoimur8>

Abstract should incorporate following guidelines:

Abstract: 300 words maximum Language: English/Hindi Plagiarism: Less than 10 percent Text Font & Size: Times New Roman & 12 Keywords: 3-6 words Document Type: MS Word

1. Submission of abstract without late fee: September 20, 2026 (only through shared google form)
2. Submission of full Paper: September 30, 2026 (via: apgconference2026@gmail.com)
3. Conference dates: October 09-10, 2026
4. Registration fees:

Sr. No.	Category		Host Fee (payable up to September 20, 2026)	Host Fee (payable after September 20, 2026 & on the spot	APG Registration Fee
1.	Faculty or Delegates	National	INR 2000	INR 2500	INR 300
		Foreign	INR 2000 or USD 25	INR 2500 or USD 30	NIL
		Host College (DN College)	INR 1000	INR 1500	NIL
		Senior Geographers (Above 65 Y.)	INR 1000	INR 1000	NIL
2.	Research Scholars	Bonafide/Paid	INR 1700	INR 2200	INR 300
		Non-Bonafide/ non-paid	INR 1200	INR 1700	NIL
3.	Students (Including Foreign)	UG/PG	INR 500	INR 1000	NIL

Host Fee Payment Details

Participants are requested to pay the Host Fee as specified in 4th section of this brochure with accurate entries. Participants are advised to retain the payment receipt/transaction proof for future reference. Alternatively, participants may use the QR code scanner for quick payment.

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Note: Non-Paid research scholars and UG/PG students need to submit the ‘Certificate’ issued by HOD/Principal in APG Fees section in Registration Form for exemption of APG Fees.

5. Disclaimer: The conference organizers reserve the right to add or remove or modify the terms, rules or conditions related to registration, participation, paper submission, review process, acceptance or any other aspect related to conference at any stage.
6. Note:

i)Registration fee is non-refundable. Participants will not be paid any T.A./D.A. for participation and presentation.

ii) Accommodation will be provided on sharing basis as per availability. Research Scholars and UG/PG students shall be provided accommodation in the Boys/Girls Hostels.

iii) Abstracts submitted up to September 20, 2026 will only be included in the souvenir of the conference.

iv) Time allotted or oral presentation will be 8-10 minutes.

v) The international participants can opt online mode for their presentation. The google link will be shared to them by the organizers

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APG Fee QR



Guidelines for Full Paper Submission In Edited Book

We are delighted to invite **academicians, researchers, scholars, policy makers, and industry practitioners** to contribute original and high-quality research chapters for an upcoming **edited volume** aligned with the theme of our international conference. This book aims to provide a comprehensive platform for sharing **innovative ideas, interdisciplinary research, and practical solutions** that contribute to building a sustainable and developed India (*Viksit Bharat*) through the integration of people, planet, and technology.

About the Edited Book

The proposed edited volume seeks to explore the dynamic relationship between **human development, environmental sustainability, and technological advancement**. It will focus on identifying challenges, opportunities, and policy interventions necessary for achieving long-term sustainable growth. The book will include **theoretical insights, empirical research, case studies, and policy-oriented discussions**, making it valuable for both academic and practical applications. *Interdisciplinary and innovative contributions are highly encouraged.*

Manuscript Submission Guidelines

The manuscript must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. The word limit for full chapters should be between 3,500 and 7,000 words, including references, tables, and figures. The paper should be written in clear, concise, and grammatically correct academic English. Authors must ensure logical organization, proper structure, and clarity of arguments. The manuscript should Include:

- Title of the paper
- Author(s) name and affiliation
- Abstract (150–250 words) & Keywords (4–6 keywords)
- Main text with appropriate headings
- References (APA 7th Edition)

Formatting Guidelines (APA Style)

All submissions must strictly follow the latest APA (American Psychological Association) style guidelines:

Use APA format for in-text citations (Author, Year). Include a complete reference list at the end of the manuscript. Ensure consistency in citation and referencing style throughout the paper. Use standard formatting:

- **Font:** Times New Roman, Size 12
- **Line spacing:** 1.5 & Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Tables, figures, and charts must be properly labeled and cited.

Peer Review Process

All submitted manuscripts will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. Each paper will be evaluated by subject experts based on:

- Originality and contribution
- Relevance to the theme & Methodological rigor
- Clarity and coherence

Authors may be required to revise their papers based on reviewers' comments. Final acceptance will be communicated after successful review and revision.

Publication Details and Benefits

Selected papers will be published in an edited book (International Reputed publisher) with ISBN. The publication will ensure academic visibility and recognition. The corresponding author only will receive one complimentary copy of the book (free of cost).

Ethical Guidelines

Authors must ensure that their work is free from plagiarism. Proper acknowledgment of sources must be maintained.

Important Instructions

Authors are requested to submit the full paper within the specified deadline. Late submissions may not be considered for publication. Ensure all guidelines are followed carefully before submission with following instruction:

Submission Email:	apgconference2026@gmail.com	<i>(use mail id only for Full paper)</i>
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Disclaimer: The conference organizers reserve the right to add or remove or modify the terms or proposals as per conditions.

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ASSOCIATION OF PUNJAB GEOGRAPHERS

The Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) is a national organization, registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, No.1902 of 1998-99. It has 625 life members from all over India, including a few members from abroad. APG is striving for the promotion of teaching in geography at the level of colleges and universities. It encourages applied research addressing the problems of the society which fall within the scope of geography. To achieve these goals, it has instituted the 'Young Geographer Award', in which the young researchers are invited to present their research papers. Further, to encourage quality research not only in geography, but also in allied disciplines, APG has publishes research journal, 'Punjab Geographer' in collaboration with Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research (ISPER). Due to its quality, 'Punjab Geographer' is indexed in SCOPUS. APG also publishes 'Geographers News Letter' a bi-annual publication for disseminating geographical information and awareness. To encourage the students of geography, APG has also instituted Meritorious Student Award in the memory of S. Devinder Singh Raina, Department of Geography, University of Jammu. This award is given to the student standing first in the MA final year examination of the university. APG also felicitates distinguished geographers in recognition of their specific achievements and services to society.

APG organizes its annual meet in the form of a national/international conference in collaboration with Geography Departments of various Universities/Colleges to deliberate on the issues falling within the ambit of geography. To encourage the teaching of geography and to prepare students for the competitive examinations, APG organizes Inter-state Geography Quiz Contests both for the undergraduate and postgraduate students. For this competition, at undergraduate level, zonal level competitions are organized at first stage and then inter-zonal competition is organized in the states of Punjab and Haryana to select the teams to represent the states for inter-state competition. Similarly, inter-university competitions are organized by the states of Punjab and Haryana to select the teams for inter-state competition for PG students. Finally, inter-state competitions are organized at ISPER, Panchkula in the month of March/April. The state of Himachal Pradesh also joins for PG level Quiz contest.

DR. SAMINDERJIT SINGH MEMORIAL YOUNG GEOGRAPHER AWARD

Original research papers, along with bio-data of the authors who have done post-graduation 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 guidelines for the authors of 'Punjab Geographer' should be submitted in English to Dr. Inder Jeet Singh (E-mail: indergeog.ju@gmail.com Mob: 9906007392), with a copy to Dr. Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, Association of Punjab Geographers (Email: generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com Mob: 9814928741). To maintain secrecy, name of the author and department should not be mentioned on the paper; however, it should be noted on the covering letter. Evaluation and competition will take place only if there are at least six participants. Proof of age of the author and a certificate of the originality of the paper must be attached with the paper. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- and the first runner-up with a cash prize of Rs. 2000/- along with certificates. The award money will be adjusted towards Life Membership if the participant is not a member of the APG. Papers received after **September 20, 2026**, will not be considered for evaluation. It is mandatory on the part of the participants to submit the certificate of date of birth and Masters' degree/DMC in Geography at the time of submission of the paper to the coordinator. For detailed rules and research paper format, please visit: www.apgorg.org. The competition will take place in a special session of the **International Conference & 26th APG Meet** being organized by **Department of Geography, Dayanand College, Hisar on October 09-10, 2026**.

APG MEETINGS

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of APG and Editorial Board of Punjab Geographer will be held on October 9, 2026 at Department of Geography, Dayanand College, Hisar at 5.30 PM. The General Body meeting will also be held at 6.30 PM. All the members are requested to attend the meetings. The agenda of the meetings will be circulated by the General Secretary well in advance.

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