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About the Conference and Themes

Development, in its broadest context, aims to enhance the overall quality of life, spanning various dimensions. Throughout human history, it has been propelled by new ideas and technological innovations, influencing not only material progress but also freedom, culture, and ecological awareness. This interconnectedness is vital for our planet's long-term sustainability. However, contemporary society faces twin challenges. First, the escalating land use driven by population growth strains the environment and ecosystems. Second, natural resource depletion and climate change pose threats like water scarcity and extreme weather events. Unbridled consumerism, lacking adequate regulation, exacerbates gender disparities, have erased local production systems and cultures. Nevertheless, there's a growing recognition of region-specific cultural practices and regulations that foster resilient, sustainable production and consumption systems across India's diverse landscapes. This necessitates thorough documentation and analysis. Modern science and technology, including geo-spatial techniques, are essential allies, integrating indigenous wisdom with contemporary knowledge for sustainability. In our increasingly interconnected world, we must address persistent issues like poverty, inequality, and discrimination, alongside emerging challenges like climate change, environmental degradation, and shifting global power dynamics. The conference aims to address these multifaceted issues at local, regional, and global levels.

Subthemes

Against this backdrop, the conference under the aegis of the Institute of Indian Geographers focuses on the following sub-themes for discussions.

1. Agriculture, culture of agriculture, resources management and livelihood in the changing environment.
2. Population of India: spatial dynamics and development, population and the environment
3. Hazards and disasters: indigenous disaster resilient approaches, policies and programmes of the state
4. Gender and space: Physical and institutional environment and gender in India, continuity and change
5. Landscape: Forms, processes, changes, and human intervention
6. Management of ecosystems, human activities and the ecosystems: adaptation and sustainability
7. Rural landscape, developments, and lesser known communities
8. Urban issues and problems, making urban settlements liveable
9. Modern geo-spatial techniques in development research in India.
10. Traditional manufacturing and value adding sectors in India: dynamics of development and challenges
11. Flagship development programmes and welfare initiatives in India: Social, Economic and Environmental Outcomes
12. Geo-political issues in an interconnected world
13. Tourism development and the environment
14. Wetland, soil, and hydrology
15. Climate change and climate change like situations: trend and challenges
16. Any other areas that could be related to the theme of the Conference.

The Conference, in addition to the technical sessions shall have Memorial Lectures, Plenary sessions, Special Sessions devoted to contemporary issues, Competitions and Workshops.

A B Mukerji Memorial Lecture

The IIG since 2016 has initiated the Prof.A B Mukerji Memorial Lecture as a tribute to the eminent Indian Geographer Prof. A B Mukerji (1929-2011) who was the doyen of cultural geography in India. Prof. Mukerji taught at Punjab University, Chandigarh over four decades, and contributed immensely to teaching and research.

Young Geographer Award

IIG has instituted an award for the best paper presented by a single author below the age of **30**. The participants must be Indian Nationals and from the discipline of Geography.Young scholars interested to take part in the competition must send an abstract of about **500** words by the deadline of **November 07, 2023**, along with registration fee to be considered for the award. They are also required to submit the full paper by **December 15, 2023**. The young scholars/faculty need to get a certificate from the institution they belong to indicating their status and proof on age which should be sent along with the abstract. A committee will evaluate the quality of the submission

and selected participants will be informed about the status of their submission by **21st December 2023**. Unsuccessful candidates will however be allowed to present their papers in the relevant technical sessions.

The Institute of Indian Geographers

Established in 1979 with the Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University as its registered headquarters, IIG strives to promote geographical knowledge by research, teaching and related academic and social activities as will directly or indirectly lead to the growth of Geography. Since its foundation, IIG has been regularly publishing the bi-annual journal, the ‘Transactions, Institute of Indian Geographers’; listed in SCOPUS and UGC CARE. IIG regularly organises the annual Geographers’ meet in different parts of the country, and topical seminars from time to time. IIG at present has more than 1200 Life Members, Institutional Members, Annual Members and regular subscribers to the Journal.

Cotton University

Cotton University (erstwhile Cotton College), a premier institute of higher education in Northeastern region of India has historically played a pivotal role in academia in the nation since its inception in the year 1901. The government of Assam in the year 2017 upgraded this premier institution to a full-fledged University in recognition of its century old glory and academic excellence. The University continues to be a vibrant space for academic activities and looks forward to the introduction of innovative programs in academics/research for both students and faculty to cater to the requirements in the contemporary challenging global scene in education.

Department of Geography

Established in 1959, the Department of Geography introduced Undergraduate Honours (Core) courses both in Arts and Science streams in 1962. Postgraduate programme was offered to the students from the session 1984-85 under the Gauhati University. The Department received recognition from Gauhati University to carry out research at Ph.D. level from the year 1990 and till date 30 researchers from the department have received Ph.D.The rich academic history of the department, outcome of the sheer dedication of the distinguished teachers associated with the department since 1959, led to an illustrious alumni spread across the world. The strong alumni took initiative to form the Cotton Geography Alumni Association in the year 2017. The alumni association keeps active association with the department and since its inception has introduced the best graduate and best post graduate awards for the students of the department.

Call for Abstracts

The organising committee invites abstracts from research scholars, academicians and practitioners on the themes and areas proposed for the annual meet and conference. A well contextualised abstract comprising the objective/s and methodology and limited to **300 words (MS word, 12 points in double space)** should reach the organising committee by **November 07, 2023**. The participants may communicate with the organisers at **iigconference2024@cottonuniversity.ac.in**. The abstracts may be uploaded at **www.iigconference-cu2024.in**
Deadline for submission of abstracts, November 07, 2023
Acceptance by November 15, 2023
Submission of Full paper, December 15, 2023

Registration

Participants are encouraged to register early by paying requisite fees -

	Early bird Registration up to December 31, 2023		January 01 to January 15, 2024	
	India and SAARC countries	Other than SAARC countries	India and SAARC countries	Other than SAARC countries
Delegates/faculty with paper	Rs. 3000/	US\$ 150	Rs. 4000/	US\$ 200
General delegates without papers	Rs. 1500/	US\$ 100	Rs. 2500/	US\$ 150
Students/research scholars	Rs. 1000/	US\$ 100	Rs. 1500/	US\$ 150
Accompanying person	Rs. 1500/	US\$ 100	Rs. 2500/	US\$ 150

- Note: 1. Registration and annual membership of IIG is compulsory to participate in the event. The participants, who are not members of IIG shall be required to take at least the annual membership.
2. Registration fee shall cover conference kit and food during the conference days.
3. Registration fee does not include accommodation. The Organising Committee will however facilitate their accommodation on request and on payment for the purpose.

The registration fee can be paid to the following account through online banking.

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Membership fee of the IIG

Membership Fees	India	Foreign
Individual Annual Membership	INR 500/-	US\$ 40
Individual Life Member	INR 5,000/-	US\$ 200
Institutional Annual Membership	INR 5,000/-	US\$ 200
Institutional Life Membership	INR 20,000/-	US\$ 500
Admission fee	INR 50/-	US\$ 25
Donors	INR 10,000/-	

Cheques, drafts and MO should be drawn in favour of ‘Institute of Indian Geographers’.

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The participants are advised to retain a copy of the receipt as evidence to prove that they have paid the membership fee.

Venue of the Conference

Guwahati, the venue of the Meet and the International Conference is the state capital of Assam, located in northeastern region of India, a sprawling historical city beside the mighty Brahmaputra River with pleasant climate in January. Average temperature in January ranges from a minimum of 11 degree Celsius to 24 degree Celsius.

Cotton University is in the heart of the city of Guwahati, well connected through airways and railways to all major cities of India. The distance of Guwahati Airport is 22 km and Guwahati Railway station is 1 km away from the conference venue of Cotton University. Private and public city buses, radio taxis and bikes, three-wheelers auto rickshaw are the common modes of local transport. The city is well equipped with accommodation of all ranges of hotel.

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