

AN INVITATION

Department of Applied Geography, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack-753003 (Odisha) is going to organise 39th Annual Meet and Conference of Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) during December 26-28, 2017. The focal theme is "Population, Environment and Sustainable Development". Members of teaching fraternity, researchers and academia from Geography and allied fields are cordially invited to attend and present their research papers in the conference.

FOCAL THEME

'Population-development-environment' inter-linkages have engaged the attention of academia since a long time. Population size, its growth rate and density, age structure, migration and urbanisation and other salient demographic attributes have significant bearings on the nature and pace of economic development. In the modern times, the concern with rapid growth in population and its consequences goes back to the onset of demographic transition in the West after industrial revolution in the middle of eighteenth century. By the first quarter of 20th century, the process of demographic transition was almost complete in the West, and soon after that a similar change in demographic behaviour started in what is now known as less developed parts of the world. With more than 75 percent of the population in this part of the world and replication of measures for mortality control, based on the experiences of the West, the world population started growing at a phenomenal pace reaching an all time high during the 1960s. Not surprising that the period saw a sudden surge in the concern for adverse effects of population. While earlier, only poverty was seen as a consequence of rapid growth in population, from somewhere in the middle of the 20th century environmental degradation was also added in the list. Several studies have focussed on growing threat to the earth as an ecosystem in the wake of rapid growth in world population. With the publication of Our Common Future in 1987 the concept of 'sustainable development' has become the buzz word.

Expanding population coupled with rapid industrialisation, urbanisation and growing consumerism etc. has caused irreparable damage to the natural resource base on which the sustainability of development depends. Overindulgence of mankind has led to serious stress on the mother 'earth' in the form of environmental pollution, soil depletion, land degradation, desertification, deforestation, siltation of river beds and resultant floods, landslides in the mountainous areas etc. along with global warming and climate change. Since the close of twentieth century, the world community has focussed on target-oriented goals to address the problems of population, environment and development in the form of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

An adequate understanding of the nuances of the relationship between population growth, on the one hand, and development and environment, on the other, is essential for any remedial measures.

The deliberations in the proposed seminar will endeavour to answer such questions as (i) how do specific changes in certain demographic attributes relate to specific changes in the economy and environment? (ii) how do environmental conditions and changes, in turn, affect human population? (iii) how do intervening variables, such as institutions, governance and market forces, mediate the relationship? (iv) how do these relationships vary in time and space? (v) and how 'geo-spatial' technology can play a significant role in monitoring resource utilisation in an effective manner and lead us to the 'goals' of sustainable development?

Sub-Themes: In addition to the main theme mentioned above, participants can present papers on any of the general sub-themes mentioned below:

1. Emerging concepts and methods in Geography
2. Indian Geography: Problems and prospects in changing global context
3. Issues in Physical and Human Geography Interface
4. Social and Cultural patterns and processes in Geography
5. Geomorphological, hydrological and pedological patterns and processes
6. Population, resource and development
7. Resources, power generation, industrial development and associated issues
8. Agricultural systems: modernisation and associated issues
9. Rural and urban settlement systems and associated phenomenon
10. Urbanisation, development and emerging challenges
11. Geo-hazards and vulnerability mapping
12. Earth, society and sustainability
13. Tourism development and emerging issues
14. Geopolitics, conflict resolution and geography of peace
15. Geography of gender, health and inequalities
16. Applications of geo-spatial technologies

PLENARY SESSIONS

There shall be three **Plenary Sessions** devoted exclusively to the following themes:

1. Changing demographic scenario and its implications,
2. Climate change, natural hazards and sustainable development
3. Applications of Geospatial Technologies.

PROF. A. B. MUKHERJEE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The lecture will be delivered by an eminent geographer.

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

The IIG has instituted an award for the best paper presentation by single registered author below the age of 30. The Young Scientists who intend to be considered for the award are advised to submit their abstracts along with full length paper.

ABOUT RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY

The university came into existence on November 15, 2006 on the up-gradation of erstwhile Ravenshaw College, one of the oldest and largest institutions of higher learning in the country. Established in 1868, Ravenshaw College subsequently became an autonomous college with CPE status by UGC and was accredited 'A' grade by NAAC. This institution is the alma-mater of the most distinguished personalities of the country. Post-graduate teaching in the college started as early as 1922. In 2016 NAAC has accredited Ravenshaw University again with 'A' grade. At present the University has about 27 teaching departments. Currently, Ravenshaw University is celebrating 150th year of its existence.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY

The Department was established in the year 1944. Teaching at post-graduate level in the department was introduced in the year 1981-82. Currently the department runs both UG (Hons) and PG (including M.Phil) courses in Geography. In addition, the department also offers doctoral programme leading to award of Ph.D. Degrees.

ABOUT THE CITY Located at the intersection of 200 30' North Latitude and 850 49' 60" East Longitude, Cuttack is an important city in eastern region of peninsular India. Weather condition in the month of December remains pleasant with average monthly low and high of 15°C and of 29°C respectively. Thus, light warm clothes are enough during the period. Located on the Howrah-Chennai mainline, Cuttack is well connected by both road and railways. The university is located at 45 minutes drive from International Airport at Bhubaneswar.

REGISTRATION CHARGES: The following is the details of registration charges:

Categories	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation
University and college teachers and other professionals	INR 2, 500/-	INR 2,000/-
Research Scholars	INR 2,000/-	INR 1,500/-

Notes: (i) In addition to the above, non-life members will have to pay an extra amount of INR 200/- which will go to the IIG Secretariat. (ii) For accompanying guest an amount of INR 2,000/- will be charged. (iii) Research Scholars will have to produce bona-fide certificate from their Heads of the department/ centre.

Registration fee shall cover expenses related to participation, seminar kits, souvenir publication, food and local conveyance to the delegates. It is to be paid in the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of Organising Secretary, IIG Ravenshaw 2017, payable at SBI, Ravenshaw University Branch, Cuttack. Registration fee can also be paid online, the details of which shall be notified soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

- a) Submission of Abstracts: August 31, 2017.
- b) Acceptance of Abstracts: September 15, 2017.
- c) Submission of full Papers: October 15, 2017.
- d) Last date for payment of Registration Fee: November 15, 2017.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chief Patron

Prof. Prakash Chandra Sarangi, Vice-Chancellor

Patrons

- (i) Chairperson, Council of Deans,
Ravenshaw University
- (ii) Registrar, Ravenshaw University

Convener

Dr. (Mrs.) Pritirekha Daspattanayak, Head,
Department of Applied Geography,
Ravenshaw University.

Organizing Secretaries

Dr. (Mrs.) Ranjana Bajpai, Dr. Sibabrata Das

Joint Organizing Secretaries

Ms. Binodini Majhi, Dr. Kapil Kumar Gavsker,
Mr. Siba Sankar Sahu

Advisory Committee

Prof. Mohammad Izhar Hassan, Department of Geography, M.D. University; Prof. G. K. Panda, Professor Emeritus, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar; Prof. Debendra Nayak, NEHU, Shillong; Prof. Sheela Prasad, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Prof. H. Ramachandran, University of Delhi; Prof. Ravi S Singh, BHU, Varanasi; Sh. Bijoysree Routray, Minister, Forest and Environment, Govt. of Odisha; Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, JNU, New Delhi; Prof. B.S. Butola, JNU, New Delhi; Prof. (Rtd.) S.N. Tripathy, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar; Prof. U. C. Mohanty, IIIT, Bhubaneswar and Prof. Jayanta Routray, AIT, Bangkok.

Organising Committee Members

Prof. G. C. Nanda, Prof. Chandi Nanda, Prof. Pradipta Mohapatra, Prof. Mamata Swain, Prof. Sangeeta Rath, Prof. Luna Samanta, Dr. Rita Paikray, Dr. Smrutiprava Das, Dr. Asima Sahu, Dr. Sudershan Mishra, Dr. Somnath Khaosh, Dr. Patitaban Mishra, Dr. Dharmabrata Mohapatra, Dr. Gyanaranjan Swain, Dr. Pradipta Mishra, Prof. (Rtd.) P. K. Kar, Prof. K. M. Sethy, Dr. K. C. Rath, Dr Damodar Panda, Dr Ashish Pathy.



Email: igravenshawuniversity2017@gmail.com

Dr. Sibabrata Das (9040232627)
Email: sibabrata2007@gmail.com

Dr. Ranjana Bajpai (9692897972)
Email: ranjudel@gmail.com

Organising Secretaries

Dr. Pritirekha Daspattanayak
Phones: 9437039932; 8249832825
Email: priterekha1962@gmail.com

To

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

39TH ANNUAL MEET AND CONFERENCE OF INSTITUTE OF INDIAN GEOGRAPHERS (IIG)

(December 26-28, 2017)

Focal Theme

**POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT
AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Organised by:



DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED GEOGRAPHY

School of Regional Studies and Earth

Sciences

Ravenshaw University

Cuttack-3, ODISHA

REGISTRATION FORM

39TH Indian Geographers Meet, 2017 & National Conference on Population, Environment and Sustainable Development (December 26-28, 2017)

Full Name of the Participant: _____

Designation: _____

University/ Organisation: _____

Whether Life Member of IIG: Yes/ No. Registration No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male/ Female

Accommodation required: Yes/ No

Date of Arrival: _____ Date of Departure: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ PIN _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Whether presenting paper: Yes/ No If yes, Oral/ Poster

Title of the Paper: _____

Whether applying for Young Scholar Award: Yes/ No.

Accompanying person (Only 1): Yes/ No

If yes, name of the accompanying person: _____

Details of Registration Fee ₹ _____ (In words: _____)

Draft No. _____ Date: _____

Name of Issuing Bank: _____ Place: _____

Full Signature of the Participant

Place: _____ Date: _____