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on  
Environment-Population Inter Linkages: Sustainable Pathways for  
Viksit Bharat @2047  
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## **ROHTAK : THE HOST CITY**

Rohtak, pulsating with people and vitality, is a city with historical past, a vibrant present and a promising future. The city is about 50 miles from National Capital Delhi on Delhi-Hisar National Highway (NH-09), about 240 Kms from the state capital Chandigarh and 150 Kms from Kurukshetra (a famous ancient place in Haryana). Rohtak is well connected both by rail and road. The nearest Airport (80 Kms) is Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. Rohtak city is famous as an educational hub in the north-western part of India. The weather of Rohtak is continental type recording high temperatures in May and June whereas December and January months are coldest. Weather during February, March, September, October and November is pleasant.

## **MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK**

Established in 1976, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak (Haryana) is named after Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, a prominent 19<sup>th</sup> century social reformer and founder of Arya Samaj movement. It is a residential university with the objective of promoting interdisciplinary higher education and research with special emphasis on studies of environmental, ecological and life sciences, is making rapid progress to emerge as leading educational institute of the country. Now it is a teaching- cum- affiliating university with a formidable track record in academics, research, cultural activities and sports. Currently, there are 10 faculties and 42 post-graduate departments in the university. Territorial jurisdiction of the university extends to 10 districts of southern Haryana. Centre for Distance and Online Education(CDOE) is providing quality education to the students with its traditional UG/PG courses as well as Information Technology and Management programmes. Excellent standard of teaching and research, well qualified faculty members, effective administrative functioning, congenial academic environment, pulsating campus life, key national and international linkages, timely holding of examination and time bound declaration of results, ample avenues for holistic development of personality of the students, a community-service approach, special emphasis on providing opportunities for students of rural background, female students, and students from marginalized communities, administrative mechanism based on e-governance etc. are the salient features of the University. The overall progress made by the university in all the fields resulted in the university receiving the 'A+' grade from NAAC in March 2019.

The university is spread over 620 acres and provides excellent infrastructural facilities and necessary student support services. Beautiful landscaping is a hallmark of the varsity. More than 20 hostels catering residential facility to 2500 boys and 2500 girls are available in the campus. High speed internet and wi-fi facilities are available in the campus. With a seating capacity of 3000 students, the fully air-conditioned Vivekananda library having more than 5 lakh books & e-books and 11000 e-journals, remains open 24x7. The varsity has two state-of-the-art auditoriums with a seating capacity of more than 1800 and 500 each, in addition to more than a dozen big conference halls. The university has entered into national and international level tie-ups with academic and research organizations for joint academic and research programmes. Recently, the university has signed MoU with National Skill Development Corporation to facilitate skill development of students. We are all set to emerge as a pioneer university having overall excellence , global outlook and deep commitment towards social cause in times to come. Above all, the university is committed to the vision of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati of an enlightened, equitable and progressive society based on both modern and traditional knowledge & ethics.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography came into existence in 1983. It envisions a leading centre of teaching, learning and research on interface between physical and human domains with emphasis on field methods, quantitative and qualitative analyses and geospatial technologies. A distinct identity of the department is its interdisciplinary nature capitalizing on the emerging physical and socio-economic issues confronting the society at large. The department embrace a 'student centred' approach, teaching a well rounded curriculum that allows the department to better respond to students' need and incorporate more disciplinary advances into curriculum. This enables students to succeed in life and contribute to social betterment. Presently, the department provides advanced education in geography through academic programmes leading to the degrees in M.A. Geography, PG Diploma in Remote Sensing & GIS and Ph.D. in Geography. As on date, a total of 190 students are enrolled in different programmes. Since the establishment of the department, more than 100 researchers have been awarded the Ph.D. degree. The department has got diversified expertise of faculty in various branches of physical and human geography. Our faculty members work in and outside classroom to cultivate student, research skills, career preparations & professional leadership skills. Research in the discipline is concentrated on frontal areas of physical and social sciences and it acts as a bridge to understand socio- environmental issues. This unique character of discipline provides it a window of opportunity for further growth and development. Department is also actively engaged in other activities like research projects/ organization of workshops/ training programmes funded by UGC/ NRDMS/DST etc. Some faculty members hold additional assignments of university administration, which is a great learning experience and helps strengthen it in functioning. The contribution of faculty members as experts in different academic bodies, selection committees, public service commission etc is substantial. The overarching goal of our programmes is to train coming generation of students to be critical spatial thinkers, using geographic theories and approaches to tackle some of the most challenging problems and questions facing the discipline and society.

## FORMER FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Sr. No.	Name	Sr. No.	Name
1.	Dr Nina Singh	12.	(Late) Dr Dinesh Partap Singh
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## **BACKGROUND OF THE CONFERENCE**

India is currently experiencing rapid population growth, urban expansion, and rising consumption patterns, placing unprecedented pressure on the country's natural resources. The complex interplay of demographic transitions and environmental challenges—such as climate change, resource degradation, pollution, and biodiversity loss—requires urgent and sustained attention. As India aspires to become a Viksit Bharat by 2047, understanding and effectively managing the inter-linkages between population growth and environmental sustainability is essential for achieving the goals of sustainable development. Therefore, the conference intends to explore the reciprocal relationship between population growth and environmental management, and identifies policy recommendations for sustainable population management in India and the world involving a diverse group of stakeholders, including academicians, policymakers, urban and regional planners, environmentalists, demographers and students interested in development and sustainability studies.

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF TOPIC**

The conference holds immense global relevance as it addresses the urgent need to reconcile population dynamics with environmental sustainability—a challenge critical to achieving India's vision of becoming a developed country by 2047. With India alone projected to surpass 1.5 billion people by 2030, the strain on natural resources, climate resilience, and urban ecosystems presents both a challenge and opportunity for innovative policymaking. Scalable models for balancing development with ecological preservation for developing countries facing similar challenges are required. The conference will provide a platform for knowledge exchange between developed and developing countries on green technology and sustainable development which can contribute to global climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, supporting the UN SDGs. As the world's fourth-largest economy, India's commitment to sustainable development sets a precedent for responsible growth in the Anthropocene era. By addressing these interconnected issues, the conference will create a roadmap for achieving sustainable prosperity incorporating ancient Indian knowledge and wisdom.



## EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE

The international conference on ‘Environment-Population Inter Linkages: Sustainable Pathways for Viksit Bharat @2047’ is anticipated to generate significant outcomes that will advance India's sustainable development agenda. The deliberations will culminate in a strategic action plan that harmonizes population management with environmental conservation, providing a blueprint for achieving ecological balance with economic growth. Key deliverables include the formulation of evidence-based policy recommendations addressing urban sustainability, renewable energy transition, and climate-resilient agriculture. The conference will establish multilateral partnerships for technology transfer and capacity building, particularly focusing on green innovations applicable to high population contexts. A notable outcome will be the creation of monitoring frameworks to assess progress on sustainability indicators aligned with both national priorities and global SDGs. The event will produce a compendium of best practices showcasing successful models of population-environment balance from India and other countries.

## SUB THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

- Resource Consumption and Management
- Issues related with Sustainable Development
- Environment-development Interaction
- Sustainable Livelihood
- Challenges and opportunities for SDGs
- Geospatial Technology in SDGs
- Indian Knowledge System
- Climate Change and Mitigation
- Urbanization and its challenges
- Population Dynamics
- Social Equity and Inclusivity
- Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- Land Use/Land Cover Change
- Any other topic related to the theme of the conference



## PAPER CONTRIBUTION

Full papers are invited from Professionals, Academicians, Researchers, Practitioners and Experts on the conference theme and sub-themes.

## GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER

**Abstract must be submitted by First Author only through 'link':**

<https://forms.gle/8KoXBHZRcKYt7VY69>

**Registration Form must be submitted by All Participants through 'link':**

<https://forms.gle/7EDCazjcu2fGpnKA7>

**Abstract should incorporate following guidelines:**

**Abstract:** 300 words maximum      **Keywords:** 3-6 words      **Manuscript of full paper:** 10-14 pages

**Language:** English/Hindi      **Text Font & Size:** Times New Roman & 12

**Reference Style:** APA 7th edition.      **Plagiarism:** Less than 10 percent      **Document Type:** MS Word

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of abstract without late fee** : October 10, 2025
- Submission of full Paper** : October 10, 2025  
(via [apgconference2025@mdurohtak.ac.in](mailto:apgconference2025@mdurohtak.ac.in))
- Conference dates** : October 28-29, 2025
- Registration fees:**

Sr. No.	Category	Host Fee (payable up to Oct.10,2025)	Host Fee (payable after Oct.10, 2025)	APG Registration Fee
1	Faculty/ Delegates	INR1700	INR2200	INR300
2	Senior Geographers (Above 65 Years)	INR1200	INR1700	Nil
3	Research Scholars	INR1200	INR1700	INR300
4	UG/PG Student	INR 800	INR1300	NA
5	Accompanying Person	INR1200		
6	Delegates from SAARC Countries	INR 4000 / USD50		
7	Delegates from other than SAARC Countries	INR 8000 / USD100		

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**6. Note:**

- Registration fee is non-refundable.
- Participants will not be paid any T.A./D.A. for participation and presentation of paper.
- 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.
- Abstracts submitted up to October 10, 2025 will only be included in the souvenir of the conference.
- Time allotted for oral presentation will be 10 minutes.

**For payment: please go through the following steps on the website of Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak.**

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## **THE ASSOCIATION OF PUNJAB GEOGRAPHERS**

The Association of Punjab Geographers (APG) is a national organization, registered under the Societies Act of 1860, No. 12 of 1998-99. At present, it has more than 600 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 schools, 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', 'Promising Geographer Award' and publishes quality research journal 'Punjab Geographer' indexed in SCOPUS. APG also publishes 'Geographers Newsletter' a bi-annual publication for disseminating geographical information and awareness. It also felicitates distinguished Geographers in recognition of their specific achievements and services to the 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 generate environmental awakening among the children, APG regularly runs programmes such as plantation in schools, arranging special lectures, painting contests, teaching of Geography contests, model making, photography contests etc. APG also organizes inter-state Geography quiz contests for undergraduate and postgraduate students from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu province.

## **MEETINGS OF APG**

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of Punjab Geographers and the Editorial Board of 'Punjab Geographer' will take place in the Department of Geography, Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak on October 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm. All the members are requested to attend the meeting. The agenda of the meeting will be circulated by the General Secretary well in advance. General Body meeting will also take place just after the Valedictory Session of the conference on October 29, 2025, to apprise and discuss with the members the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in its meeting held on October 29, 2025. All the members of APG are requested to attend the meetings. No TA/DA will be admissible under the rules for attending the above mentioned meetings.



## **APG EVENTS**

### **1. 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, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Jammu, Jammu (E-mail: [indergeog.ju@gmail.com](mailto:indergeog.ju@gmail.com) Mob: 9906007392), with a copy to Dr Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, Association of Punjab Geographers (Email: [generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com](mailto: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 mentioned 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 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. The papers received later than October 10, 2025 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](http://www.apgorg.org).

The competition will take place in a special session of the *International Conference & 25<sup>th</sup> APG Meet* being organized by Department of Geography, Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak on October 28-29, 2025.

### **2. PROF. B HEMA MALINI PROMISING GEOGRAPHER AWARD**

Under this award, Poster Presentation Competition is organized on the themes of the conference. Young Geographers, who have done post graduation in Geography and have not attained the age of 28 years, are invited from all over India and SAARC countries for the Promising Geographer Award competition. The aspirants of this award shall submit soft copies of their original posters along with bio-data in English to coordinator of this award, Dr Vishwa B.S. Chandel, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Panjab University, Chandigarh, (Email: [vishwa.geoinvader@gmail.com](mailto:vishwa.geoinvader@gmail.com) Mob: +91-9872833637), with a copy to Dr Lakhvir Singh Gill, General Secretary, Association of Punjab Geographers (Email: [generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com](mailto:generalsecretaryapg@gmail.com) Mob: 9814928741).

The winner will be awarded with a cash award of Rs. 3000/-, the first runner-up Rs. 2000/- and the second runner-up Rs. 1000/- respectively along with certificates. The Award money will be adjusted towards Life Membership if the participant is not a member of the APG. The posters received later than October 10, 2025 will not be considered for evaluation. It is mandatory on the part of the participant to submit the certificate of date of birth and PG degree/ DMC in Geography at the time of submission of the poster to the coordinator. For detailed rules and guidelines, please visit [www.apgorg.org](http://www.apgorg.org).

The competitors will have to display their posters on the space provided for the purpose during *International Conference & 25<sup>th</sup> APG Meet* being organized by Department of Geography, Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak on October 28-29, 2025.

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